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Police officer photographing car in driveway of home of Israeli assistant military attaché in Washington, Aluf-Mishne Yosef Alon, who was shot dead as he stepped out of the vehicle shortly after midnight on Saturday. (AP radiophoto)

## Israel air attaché, A/M Alon, murdered outside Washington Nixon orders investigation into killing

By Daniel Gottlieb, Jerusalem Post Correspondent and agencies  
WASHINGTON. — President Nixon yesterday ordered an investigation into the killing of Aluf-Mishne Yosef Alon, 43, Israeli assistant air attaché, who was shot dead outside his suburban home at Chevy Chase, Maryland, early in the morning as he returned from a private Israeli diplomatic party.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation and the police launched a wide-scale manhunt for the killers. Police officials said no motive or suspects had been uncovered but added there was no apparent robbery or burglary involved.

Both they and Israel Embassy officials declined to comment on the possibility of Arab terrorism, but it was learned that the State Department-Directed Cabinet Committee on Terrorism was involved in the investigation, along with other U.S. Government agencies.

The Alon family accepted an offer from President Nixon to fly the body to Lod Airport aboard an American military plane last night. Mrs. Alon and her three daughters were to accompany the body on the flight from Andrews Air Force Base in Maryland.

A brief memorial service was planned before takeoff about 7 p.m. (1 a.m. Israel time), informed sources said. The plane is due to arrive at Lod this afternoon.

Prime Minister Golda Meir last night received a cable from U.S. President Richard Nixon who expressed his own "profound sorrow and regret, and that of all Americans" at the death of A/M Alon. Mr. Nixon said U.S. law enforcement agencies had been instructed "to devote all available resources to the investigation of this brutal act."

State Department spokesman Robert Holaday said that "there have been taken for the protection of Israeli diplomats and consular officials" here and elsewhere in the U.S. Mr. Holaday said these measures, which he declined to elaborate, were "normal under the circumstances."

Alon was killed as he came home with his wife, Devora. She was not hurt. The attack took place at 1:04 a.m. (7:05 a.m. Israel time) in the driveway of his home. The three Alon daughters, Danka, 18, Yael, 14 and Rachel, five all were at home at the time of the shooting.



YOSEF ALON

Maryland medical examiner Ronald Kornblum said Alon was shot "five times in the chest." He said all five shots went through his body, but "death was caused by a single gunshot wound." He added that "death was caused instantly and he probably didn't know what hit him."

From police and Israel Embassy officials the best reconstruction of the shooting which could be obtained is as follows: Alon and his wife attended a going home party for Stella Levy, attaché for women's affairs at the Embassy, at the house of friends not far from their own home. When they returned to their home in the quiet residential neighborhood in Chevy Chase, Mrs. Alon got out of the car first and went up to the porch of their house to open the door. She heard several shots, went inside and called for help. When she returned outside she found the colonel mortally wounded in their front yard.

### HEARD SHOTS

Neighbours, as well as Mrs. Alon, heard the shots and the sound of a car driving rapidly away. No one apparently saw the assassin or assassins. Alon was pronounced dead a half hour later in hospital from multiple gunshot wounds in the chest.

There was no indication that anything was taken from him or that anyone had been in their house. Despite the fact that the possibility of a terrorist attack was in everyone's minds, both State Department and Israel Embassy officials were stressing they had no information to substantiate this one way or another.

On the question of who killed the attaché, an FBI spokesman said: "We are not jumping to conclusions."

Special security measures have been provided the Israeli embassy and personnel here by the executive protection service since the Olympic Games massacre, one State Department official said.

Washington has not had a kidnapping or confirmed case of a political attack on a diplomat or the killing of one in the recollection of officials here.

Two Turkish consular officials were slain recently on the West Coast by a disgruntled exile. Letter bombs, including one to Ambassador Yosef Telokah at the U.N., have been intercepted within the past year. Earlier this spring, shots were fired into the home of a New Zealand diplomat who had just moved into the former home of the Jordanian Ambassador.

These incidents had prompted the U.S. Government to pass legislation making attacks on diplomats a Federal crime.

After the yesterday's shooting President Nixon ordered the secret service to increase protection of the diplomatic community in Washington.

## 'DEFINITELY TERRORIST ATTACK' Alon's death said not linked to Paris blast

Jerusalem Post Military Correspondent

Reliable sources yesterday discounted speculation that the murder of Yosef Alon, Israeli deputy military attaché in Washington, was linked to the death of Black September operative Mohammed Boudia in Paris on Thursday.

Even if the terrorists believed that Alon was responsible for the death of Boudia, it was explained, it is highly unlikely that they would have been able to conceive, plan and carry out the Alon murder in a matter of a few hours.

From the few details which have been made available it is clear that the attack on Alon was well coordinated, with the attacker or attackers having arranged a pre-determined escape route. It also seems clear that Alon's movements were known to his assailants, as the security arrangements for the attack and his family.

There is absolutely no doubt in security circles here that Alon was the victim of a terrorist attack. What is not clear is why the terrorists, who have steered clear of turning the U.S. — and specifically Washington — into a battlefield (apart from an abortive attack on SA Al's New York office earlier this year) should have changed their policy.

There is some speculation that the terrorists, who have presumably kept out of the U.S. on orders from Egypt and their major financier Saudi Arabia, may have decided to defy orders in order to bring the U.N. debate, and to put a spoke in what they considered to be Egyptian efforts at moderation.

Alon was no random target. As the military attaché in charge of air and naval matters, he was not only a senior military officer on active service, but the man charged with overseeing the supply of aircraft to Israel — aircraft which have become the symbol of Israeli strength.

During the past two years Arab terror groups have been responsible for the deaths of a number of Israelis abroad. These include the letter-bomb killing of the agricultural attaché in London, the murder of the Israeli Consul-General in Turkey, the assassination of Israeli agent Baruch Cohen in Madrid earlier this year, the murder of an Israeli businessman in Mexico as well as the massacre of 11 Israeli athletes at the Munich Olympics, and the killing of three Japanese gunmen who killed and injured more than 100 was never caught.

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Arab terrorists took over the Israeli Embassy in Bangkok last year for 36 hours before surrendering to the Thai authorities. A terrorist gang murdered two Americans and one Belgian diplomat at the Saudi Arabian Embassy in Khartoum. Several others are currently facing trial in Nicaragua for an attempted attack on the Israeli Ambassador and an Israeli airliner there.

Many believe the clandestine battle has not been conducted in one direction only. Press reports noted that

soon after the Munich Olympic Games, several Arabs thought to be connected with the terrorists died in unexplained circumstances in Paris, Rome, Nicosia, Beirut and other places.

If Arab terrorists are proved responsible for A/M Alon's death, this will be the first attack on an Israeli diplomat in the U.S. but also the first abroad since the April 10 raids on terrorist headquarters in the Lebanese towns of Beirut and Sidon. Three top terrorist leaders were among the terrorists killed during the raids.

Mohamed Boudia, the 41-year-old Algerian killed in an explosion in his car in Paris on Thursday morning, was in charge of recruiting Europeans for the Palestinian terrorist organization Black September, the Paris newspaper "L'Aurore" said yesterday.

"L'Aurore", which cited "well informed sources," said Boudia was the "parallel and friendly network" of Black September in Europe. His task was to recruit, indoctrinate, arm and put into action European sympathizers of the Palestinian cause, it said. He was especially successful in recruiting women militants, L'Aurore said.

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## Gov't services paralysed by one-day strike

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Government services throughout the country were paralysed yesterday as 15,000 civil servants staged a one-day warning strike for higher pay.

Post offices were shut. Mail and cables were not delivered. Trains did not run. Customs points were generally not manned (see "Duty Free" page 11). Phone operators announced "we're striking" to persons seeking to place overseas calls ("18"), wanting information ("14") or repairs ("16").

"The strike is a complete success," a spokesman for the striking Civil Servants Union told The Post in the afternoon. "We've closed down all Government Ministries, and many non-Government workers who belong to our sister organization, the Clerical Workers Union, stayed at home in sympathy with our strike."

At a mass meeting held at Jerusalem's Beit Hachinukh in the morning, more than 500 union leaders and works committee heads voted unanimously to renew the strike next Sunday "unless the Civil Service Commission agrees to serious negotiations promptly."

They said a pledge by the Commission that their demands would be discussed was not sufficient. "We want action, and that means negotiations," Emanuel Zisman, secretary of the union's large, Jerusalem branch declared. He denied the demands were being pressed at this time because of the impending elections, as charged by Finance Minister Moshe Shapira when he returned from abroad on Saturday night.

**FIRST IN SERIES**  
Yesterday's warning strike was the first in a series of actions planned by the union to prod the Government into re-negotiating the two-year work agreement signed last November and due to expire March 30, 1974.

The Civil Servants Union was the first major union to sign a 1972/73 contract, and it covered all Government workers employed under the uniform wage scale, a category that includes all workers other than professionals.

The contract called for an overall wage package improvement of between 20 and 30 per cent, with six per cent of this deriving from increases in basic pay. Rising in union that they were the first union to sign a collective wage agreement, the workers' negotiators added a footnote to the agreement (called the "Zhitovsky Letter," for its author, Mr. Shmuel Zhitovsky of the Histadrut Central Committee).

That footnote put the Government on notice that the Union reserved the right to re-open talks on the wage agreement if other Government employees received more than a six per cent increase in their basic pay, which was subsequently happened — with the teachers, the engineers and other Government workers.

Mr. Shapira's position is that any talks for higher basic pay must wait for next year, when the new contract will be worked out.

**TACTIC AGREEMENT**  
The union says the fact that Mr. Shapira acknowledged receipt of the "Zhitovsky Letter" constitutes tacit agreement that there are valid conditions for re-negotiating the current wage agreement.

At Lod Airport and Haifa, most incoming travelers were allowed by striking customs inspectors to walk right through the gates without luggage inspection.

Health Ministry workers at the ports handled only urgent duties such as clearing bodies for burial and expediting drug shipments.

Although work at the Jewish Agency, Hadassah, and other large employers of administrative workers was unaffected, there were reports of sympathy absences from the Hebrew University, Haifa University, Bar Ilan University and the Technion.

A spokesman for Israel Railways reported that only 140 out of 1,800 operating employees turned up for work. This led to a slowdown of the system for the day. Soldiers who usually travel by train were carried by buses and trucks stationed along the line.

Work in all Government offices will be back to normal this morning, a union official said last night.

## EFFORTS TO END DOCTORS' STRIKE

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A desperate effort was being made last night to find a formula that would end the 24-day-old strike of 6,000 doctors in Government and public employ.

A meeting in the late afternoon between the Ministerial Working Committee and doctors' negotiators, failed to produce agreement. Later last night a smaller group continued talks at the Ministry of Health, present were the Finance and Health Ministers, Messrs. Sepir and Shamir, Kipat Holim director Asher Tadmor, Civil Service Commissioner Yehoshua Nitzan, and the physicians' representatives, Drs. Sami Tishbi and Gideon Mennel.

The Ministerial Committee had refused to budge from the previous offer of a 4.5 per cent wage hike. It is believed, however, that the doctors would accept this as a rise in the basic wage, if they could get better terms for supplementary duties, like overtime, night-roster and standby. Such sides were ready to end the strike by reducing this issue to a committee, but Mr. Sepir insisted that any benefits should begin from 1974, while the doctors wanted them included in the present collective agreement.

The Israel Medical Association, meanwhile, has published a list (see p. 12) of hospitals which would admit patients in emergency cases, in the event the strike is not over by today.

At an emergency meeting of Kipat Holim's supervisory committee yesterday, Dr. Elisha Doron, medical director of the sick fund, said the strike showed the fatal weaknesses of Israel's medical aid system. His himself favoured "overhauling" Kipat Holim's methods and abolishing the "assembly hall" system.

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## THE WEATHER

	Yesterday's Minimum	Yesterday's Maximum	Today's Forecast
Jerusalem	24	38-42	18-28
Golan	44	14-26	14-27
Nahariya	44	17-29	17-30
Safed	45	17-29	16-29
Tiberias	46	22-35	22-38
Nazareth	27	22-35	22-38
Haifa	27	19-30	18-31
Shimon	37	19-27	18-28
Tel Aviv	21	21-25	21-29
Be'er	16	18-30	18-31
Jericho	26	19-36	20-37
Sorababa	20	20-32	17-33
Gaza	25	20-32	20-39
Silat	10	21-37	20-39
Tiran	13	26-36	26-38

## Social and Personal

Former officers of the Carmel Brigade, headed by its first O.C. Knesset Member Moshe Carmel, yesterday called on Premier Golda Meir and presented her with the first copy of the Carmel Brigade Album, depicting the history of the unit which spearheaded the liberation of parts of Haifa and Galilee during the War of Independence.

Prof. Lancelotti, specialist on Asian affairs at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, will speak on "The Military and Politics in Non-Western Societies" at the library of the Truman Institute, Mount Scopus, today at 3.30 p.m.

Mrs. Shulamit Nardi, assistant to the President, will speak on "The Presidency: an Inside View" at the annual meeting of the Jerusalem branch of the Israel Association of University Women at the Van Leer Jerusalem Foundation today, 7.30 p.m. Mrs. Narda, wife of the President, will be guest of honour.

Franz Beckenbauer, the German international football star of the Bayern-Munich club, was guest of honour at a reception given by the "Hadeshot" Hotel in Ashdod yesterday.

## ARRIVALS

Mordechai Surkis, M.K., from Switzerland, where he attended an international conference on municipal problems, Eilhanan Peles, chairman of the Engineers and Architects Association, a five-week trip to the U.S., Canada and Japan, where he coordinated preparations for the third World Congress of Engineers and Architects scheduled to open in Israel next December under the auspices of the International Centre for Technical Cooperation Between the Developing and Industrial Countries. Dr. Howard Rosen, Associate Clinical Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery at the Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York, and Dr. Bernhard G. Weber of the Kantonal Hospital in St. Gallen, Switzerland, to lecture at a course to be given in Tibberias by the Association for the Study of Internal Fixation.

## DEPARTURES

Haim Zedek, M.K., on a private trip to the U.S. (by El Al).

## Jerusalem shows its arts and crafts

Jerusalem's third and most ambitious annual arts and crafts fair opened outside the Old City's western wall in the just-completed exhibition grounds adjoining Einat Hayotzer.

More than 50 artists in a wide range of media are displaying their skills — among them for the first time artists newly arrived from the Soviet Union. Pavilions exhibiting painting, sculpture and mosaic work are interspersed with the wares of craftsmen in leather, enamel, ceramics, batik, etc. Mistle steak and ice cream bars and a pop-corn stand provide the conventional gastronomic contribution to the fair atmosphere.

The fair is to run for two weeks, and remains open daily from 8 p.m. to midnight. It is being held under the joint auspices of the Ministry, the Municipality and the East Jerusalem Development Company.

The Minister for Foreign Affairs  
and the staff of the Ministry  
mourn

## Col. YOSEF ALON

Assistant Military Attaché at the Israel Embassy, Washington,  
who fell at the hands of the assassins,  
and share the grief of the bereaved family.

The Israel Bond Organization  
extends sincere sympathies to  
SEOSHANA EBAN  
and  
ORA HERZOG  
on the death of their father

## SIMHA AMBACHE

On the conclusion  
of the shiva'a, we shall  
gather at the graveside of

## SIMHA AMBACHE

At the Kfar Shmaryahu cemetery, on Tuesday,  
July 3, 1973, at 9.00 a.m.

LEA AMBACHE  
AND THE FAMILY

## THE KNESSET

The Secretary-General of the Knesset and the Knesset staff  
extend their condolences to their colleague,

NISSIM BEN-ZION  
on the death of his brother

## RACHAMIM

MEIR GIVES U.K. OFFICIAL  
'CLEAR EXPOSITION'

Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent  
The visiting Minister of State at the British Foreign Office, Lord Balmiel, was yesterday treated to what he called "a clear exposition" of Israel's Middle East position by Premier Golda Meir. From the Prime Minister's Office he proceeded to the Foreign Ministry, where Minister Abba Eban aired Israel's reservations over Britain's recent stands at the U.N.

Lord Balmiel will have a second working session with Mr. Eban and his senior officials today, when economic issues are due to be discussed.

Emerging from a longer-than-scheduled talk with the Prime Minister, Lord Balmiel said she had presented him with a clear exposition of her views, and he hoped he had clearly stated Britain's position.

Lord Balmiel, who has recently visited Egypt and Jordan, was asked if, having heard both parties to the conflict, he was optimistic of a settlement being reached. He replied that politicians were always optimistic.

## OPTIONS NARROWING

Much of the 70-minute working session at the Foreign Ministry was taken up with Mr. Eban's development of his thesis that the Arabs' options are narrowing and negotiation with Israel is fast becoming their only realistic course to an honourable settlement. The British minister agreed that ways should be found to bring the sides together.

Mr. Eban noted that Israel was unhappy with the British delegate's speech at the Security Council after the Israeli raid on Beirut earlier this year, and again last month, that the Middle East Centre of the latter occasion the British delegate referred to Sir Alec Douglas-Home's Harrogate speech of 1971, when the Foreign Secretary called for an Israeli withdrawal to the international border with Egypt.

Mr. Eban said it was not the task of outside powers to draw maps, but they should work instead to bring the parties themselves to the negotiating table. Lord Balmiel said the British Government always sought to maintain a balanced position on the Middle East conflict.

Kidnap suspect  
ordered held 7 days

By YITZHAK OKED  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. Jacques David Hagal, suspected of taking part in Thursday's kidnapping of eight-year-old Jacques Alvo, was remanded for seven days by the Ramat Magistrate's Court yesterday. Hagal, 26, who denied the charge, was picked up not long after the Yahud boy was found dragged but unharmed beside a Tel Aviv trash can on Thursday night.

Police were yesterday continuing to look into the possible link between the kidnapping and the still unsolved theft of \$500,000 worth of diamonds at Lod Airport last April. The boy's father, Emile, then a porter at the airport, was questioned at the time and subsequently suspended.

Police think the kidnappers — who they believe were two plus a driver — may have been trying to collect the \$500,000 reward said to be offered by Lloyd's for knowledge of the diamonds' present whereabouts. (The office of Dr. Jacob Schoenwald, the Lloyd's adjuster dealing with claims submitted by diamond dealers insured through Lloyd's in Israel, would neither confirm nor deny the reward story which contacted yesterday.)

At his remand yesterday, Hagal told Ramat Magistrate Dov Eytan that he was willing to take a lie-detector test to prove he had no hand in the kidnapping.

Last night, police arrested two more suspects, both Tel Aviv residents. Meanwhile, police continued to question the boy, now reunited with his parents, but said they were making very little headway. Nitzav-Mishne Michael Bochner, National Police Headquarters spokesman, told The Post last night the boy will be given a couple of days to rest before the questioning is resumed. The police spokesman's office yesterday released a denial of a radio report that the boy had been hypnotized to help him remember what happened during the 15 hours he was held.

Two soldiers held in  
Beduin girl's death

BEERSHEBA. — A Beduin girl whose body was found near Dimona on Friday was killed inside a military live-ammunition training area, the police investigation revealed yesterday.

The girl, Ida Suleiman Abu Suleib, 17, was killed by shots fired from a live-ammunition training area. Military police investigating the death arrested two soldiers on Saturday, and transferred them to the custody of the Negev District police.

Police suspect the two soldiers went out for target practice without the knowledge of their officers.

Paper mills strike  
ends; labour gives in

HADERA. — The strike by American-Israel Paper Mills' per diem employees ended yesterday, when the Hadera Labour Council backed down from its demands. The Council's move came following meetings held last week with the Haderat executive and with the striking workers.

The 800 workers went on strike two weeks ago, when the plant's management refused to consider their demand to turn a \$1,350 loan for each worker into a grant, or to make the loan at all unless all the workers were notified of its terms. (The loan was to be deducted after the next wage rise at the rate of \$1.50 per month from the workers' pay cheques.)

The manager of ASPM, Issachar Heismovic, reacted to the strike by threatening to close down the plant, saying he would not negotiate the issue. Yesterday, the Hadera Labour Council sent him a letter withdrawing the demands concerning the \$1,350, and asked for a meeting today, to initiate negotiations on a new wage agreement. (Itm)

NORWAY TRADE  
GROUP ARRIVES

LOD AIRPORT. — An economic delegation arrived here from Norway yesterday to discuss changes in the Israel-Norway trade agreement. The discussion was initiated by Israel, which is trying to get "favoured nation" status from Norway. Norway is not a member of the Common Market.

The Norwegian delegation is headed by Per Vigmosted, head of the international trade department in Norway's Foreign Ministry, and Trude Stugu, marketing head at Norway's Commerce Ministry. The Israel team in the talks will be headed by Adin Talbar, deputy Director-General of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry. (Itm)

Murdered attache  
was Mirage pilot

Jerusalem Post Military Correspondent

Aluf-Mishne Yosef Alon, the Military Attaché murdered in Washington Saturday night, was three weeks short of his 44th birthday and about to end his tour of duty as deputy military attache in Washington.

Born at Kibbutz Beit Alpha, Alon was aged two when his parents took him back with them to Czechoslovakia. In 1939, he was sent to safety in England, and with the out-

break of war, he was adopted by a Scottish family.

Alon returned to Czechoslovakia to search for his family after the war, but found only a brother who had survived. It was during this period that he joined a group of Israeli pilots-in-training in Czechoslovakia.

Once in Israel, Alon completed an advanced course on fighter aircraft, receiving his wings from David Ben-Gurion in 1960.

The new flyer, who was known by his comrades as "Joe Placzek," became one of Israel's first jet pilots. During the 1966 Sinai Campaign he commanded a squadron of Ouragan jets. Subsequently he was chosen to head the air force delegation which trained on Mirage fighters in France during the earlier 1960s, and once the Mirages became operational, Alon became commander of this fighter group.

In addition to flying Israel's most sophisticated aircraft in combat, he was a graduate of an advanced jet pilot's course in the U.S. and of the British Staff College.

In 1965, after returning from England, Alon was appointed head of the Air Force flight safety department and a year later was named commander of an air base. During the Six Day War planes under his command played a key role in the Air Force's preemptive air strikes.

In August 1970, Yosef Alon was appointed deputy military attache in Washington, with responsibility for air and naval affairs.

Speaking over Israel Radio yesterday afternoon, former O.C. Air Force Ezer Weizman called Alon "one of the best fighter pilots we had." Alon's murder, he said, was the work of a group of gunmen who succeeded in doing something that Egyptian, Syrian and other Arab pilots could not do.

Aluf-Binyamin Peled, current O.C. Air Force, said yesterday evening that A/M Alon was planning to return to civilian life at the finish of his tour in Washington.

WJC debate idea of  
'consultative machinery'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Dr. Nahum Goldmann, President of the World Jewish Congress, was openly criticized yesterday for opposing permanent consultative machinery between the State of Israel, the Jewish Agency Executive and the WJC. Speaking at the annual WJC Executive, he had favoured "unofficial" contacts with Israel and the Zionist Organization, but not permanent "partnership" relations.

The proposal to set up such a consultative body was submitted yesterday by Rabbi Meir Nussimbaum of Los Angeles, head of the Congress' U.S. section, who criticized Dr. Goldmann's reservations. Rabbi Nussimbaum, who heads a committee on relations with other major Jewish organizations, revealed that preliminary discussions on his proposal were already being held.

His committee's report said that in the "struggle for meaningful Jewish survival, Israel, which is the greatest achievement of our generation, has to play a central role in the Jewish life. The solution of the great problems facing the State of Israel and the Jewish people require a full partnership between the three main bodies in the Jewish world that should transcend personal differences and party disputes." Rabbi Nussimbaum urged.

Dr. Joachim Prinz, chairman of the Governing Council of the WJC, analysing "in brutal frankness" the relationship between Israel and the Diaspora, came to the conclusion that "the centrality of Israel" — a basic assumption of the Zionist ideology — was a fallacy. There was "an alarming phenomenon of Jewish disintegration" which "we succeeded in sweeping under the carpet." The era of exhilaration with the birth of Israel is over, Dr. Prinz said.

"Israel does not solve any of the problems of the Jews in the Diaspora, whether these are political, social or cultural," Dr. Prinz held. He cited as an example Israel's attitude towards the war in Vietnam, which had estranged thousands of young American Jews.

Mr. Arye Pinchas, chairman of the

Dayan awards 5  
defence prizes

Defence Minister Moshe Dayan last night awarded Defence Prizes for 1973 to five outstanding military and civilian research teams, singled out for their contribution to State security. In addition the Minister also cited Jerusalem engineer Uriel Hefetz "who has provided countless solutions to technical problems facing the defence establishment on a voluntary basis over the years."

The ceremony at the President's residence in Jerusalem was attended by Prime Minister Golda Meir, members of the Cabinet, the Chief of Staff and senior army and defence establishment officials.

Among the recipients were Yisrael Galili and Ya'acov Lior, inventors of the Galili assault rifle; Aluf-Mishne Yisrael Alon (navy); Haim Shabat of Israel Shipyard; and Shmuel Alkon of the Israel Aircraft Industries for their part in the development of the Reshet missile boat; Aluf-Mishne David Lasker (engineering) for his part as a soldier in the army at the age of

71 — and O.C. Operations Aluf-Israel Tal for an unnamed contribution to the overall capability of the armed forces; and to two groups of military and civilian scientists for their development of electronic and technological systems.

The prizes are worth \$3,000. In addition to Mr. Hefetz the Minister cited a team of Defence Ministry scientists who had managed to "find the solution to a difficult and pressing problem."

In a special gesture on the State's 25th anniversary a \$25,000 posthumous award was made to the widow of David Liebowitz, the inventor of the famous "Davidka" — the make-shift mortar used during the War of Independence.

The recipients were selected by a three-man panel headed by Meir Amit and including Professor Moshe Zakai and Professor Yigal Talmon. In a short speech President Ephraim Katsir praised the recipients for their contribution, and said that he was speaking for the entire nation in bringing his personal thanks for their efforts in guaranteeing the security of the State.

The Director-General of the Defence Ministry, Yitzhak Ironi, said it gave him pleasure to make the awards in the presence of President Katsir, one of the founders of the defence establishment's research and development corps — Hemmed.

Rafah Beduin  
complain of  
'harassment'

TEL AVIV. — A spokesman for the

Beduin tribes who were evicted last year from the Rafah Approaches charged yesterday they were being "pressured and harassed" by the military authorities to get them to give up all claim to their lands.

Sheikh Sabah Abdullah Salaymeh told a news conference at Beit Sokolow here that although the High Court of Justice had upheld their eviction on security grounds, the fact of their ownership had not been disputed. The Beduin were also to be allowed to cultivate the land during the daylight hours, he said.

Nevertheless, the Sheikh said, the authorities had severely curtailed the number of hours the Beduin could work their lands, and prevented them from grazing their flocks in the area altogether. He also accused them of harassing the Beduin with house searches and other indignities — all to pressure them into giving up their land.

The Beduin case was supported by representatives of two Hashemite Hatzair kibbutzim in the area — Mofet Kna'an of Kerem Shalom and Oded Lifshitz of Nir-Oz — who accompanied Sheikh Salaymeh to the news conference.

The Sheikh said an "honourable solution" to the problem would be to let the army keep half the 47 square-kilometre area closed — and let the Beduin return to the other half. (Itm)

SHEMEN UPS  
ITS PRICES

Jerusalem Post Economic Correspondent  
A new price list published by the Shemen company shows increases of from five to 10 per cent on some 40 items manufactured by the firm. The rises were effective from June 24.

The spokesman of the Commerce and Industry Ministry says Shemen's got permission before the price freeze went into effect. The Cabinet decided on the freeze June 24, with prices pegged to their level in the first half of the month.

Toothpaste, on the list, is up from \$1.75 to \$1.88, shaving cream from \$1.85 to \$1.95, talcum powder from \$1.20 to \$1.40 and shampoo from \$1.25 to \$1.35.

The only item on the list which remained unchanged in price is soap.

26,000 summer visitors  
cross Jordan bridges

Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter

Over 26,000 Arab summer visitors have come across the Jordan bridges to the administered territories during June. The pace of arrivals is expected to grow in July and next month, when the school summer holiday makes families in neighbouring countries, especially Jordan, more mobile.

Authorities at the Allenby and Danya bridges yesterday reported that 26,989 persons have entered the West Bank from Jordan during the past month. A few other summer visitors, mainly students, came via Lod.

This is the last year the summer visits programmes will be in operation. It was first launched in 1968 to enable citizens of neighbouring Arab states to spend the summer holiday with relatives in Israel and the administered areas.

As of November, it will be extended the year round. Last year, it attracted a record number of 153,000 visitors.

## PRESSURE ON JORDAN

This season's flow is in defiance of pressure on Jordan by the 18-nation Arab League to minimize traffic with Israel across the Jordan bridges. The issue was taken up by the League in May during a pan-Arab conference at which representatives of the Palestinian sabotage organizations demanded the closure of the bridges.

Though Jordan said it would impose certain restrictions — some of which were hesitantly introduced — in general, it rejected the terrorist demand. The Jordanians argued that the maintenance of open bridges

Haifa druggists,  
afraid of addicts,  
stop night duty

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The city's pharmacists have given notice of their intention to cease mounting voluntary night services in one month's time. They say they are afraid of violence on the part of drug addicts.

"According to the chairman of the pharmacists' organization, many of the original volunteers have grown too old to maintain open pharmacies at night, especially in the city's more dangerous sections."

"Most of the city's population — 85 per cent — are members of the Histadrut's Kupat Holim. A solution must be found together with that institution," the chairman insisted.

At present, there is no law compelling any pharmacist to stay open at night. The law does, however, require a pharmacist to fill a doctor's prescription, even at home after normal shopping hours.

KEEN KAYEMETH LEISRAEL  
(JEWISH NATIONAL FUND)

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IN MEMORY OF

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Los Angeles, California, U.S.A.

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AND MOTHER OF MIRIAM SAMUEL —  
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with the participation of

MR. JACOB TSUR, WORLD CHAIRMAN  
OF THE KEREN KAYEMETH LEISRAEL

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## HELETT HELLENIC ITALIAN LINE

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Wednesday, July 4, at 10.00 hrs. (a.m.)

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Allon recovering  
from heart  
disturbance

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Deputy Premier Yigal Allon is recovering at the Sheba Medical Centre, where a bulletin yesterday described his condition as excellent. Doctors had earlier observed "temporary changes in heart muscle action," which, however, ceased after a while.

Mr. Allon was admitted to hospital early on Thursday morning, complaining of abdominal pains but he was immediately admitted to the cardiac division. In a bulletin published yesterday, hospital directors Dr. Mordechai Shani and the head of his cardiac division, Prof. Henri Neufeld, said that early electro-cardiograph and X-ray tests had all been regular.

Later tests, however, revealed slight changes in heart muscle action. These passed after a few hours and no disturbances in the rate of Mr. Allon's heartbeat were observed, the bulletin said. His blood pressure remained steady.

Over the weekend Mr. Allon received many visitors, including Premier Golda Meir and Minister Yisrael Galili and Victor Shemtov. It is not known when Mr. Allon will be permitted to leave hospital, but the usual practice requires about three weeks' hospitalization in such cases.

consolidates the Arabs' position in the administered territories "rather than exposes them to Israel's exclusive political and economic presence."

The terrorists had argued that the point of departure is not economic, but political. The "character of a struggle" is undermined when other aspects are taken into consideration.

A committee of experts assigned to review the open bridges policy failed to come to a decision.

An Egyptian expert, Talat Ghannem, professor of international law at the University of Alexandria, stressed that citizens of Arab states who have relatives in Israel-held areas should not be separated, and that links and dealings between them must be facilitated rather than prevented.

Summer visitors have to have entry permits issued by the Israeli authorities through their relatives. They also carry three-month Jordanian passports, which Amman issues so that they do not receive an Israeli stamp on the regular passports, which they have to use on their return home to some other Arab state.

Itself threatened by terrorism, Jordan conducts a thorough security screening of citizens of other Arab states entering its territory on the way to the administered territories. The Jordanian security precautions ease Israel's concern at the possible penetration of subversive elements under the cover of summer visits.

Nevertheless, the Israeli authorities conduct their own security checks at the bridges. Last year, a number of terrorist emissaries managed to cross under the summer visits programme and set up subversive cells, mostly among high school students. Virtually all of these cells were disrupted.

## Opera

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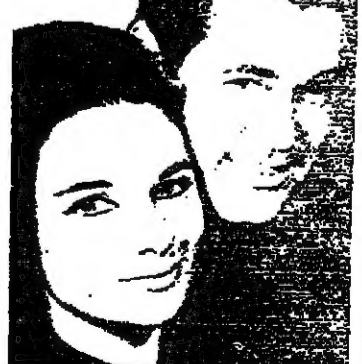
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(dramatic tenor)

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BORIS BAR-LEV

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The Israel National Opera Ballet

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# T.A. SHAVING SIDEWALKS TO MAKE WAY FOR CARS

**By ZEEV SCHUL**  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Thirty-five of this city's main thoroughfares, including Allenby, Ben Yehuda and King George, are about to be "shaved" in breadth by several more metres to make way for the ever-increasing numbers of cars congesting the metropolitan area, City Traffic Dept. Director Simha Kaljanski told The Post in an interview here yesterday.

The sidewalk-shaving, expected to cost "tens of millions of pounds" has already begun along the northern end of Rehov Ben Yehuda. The extra width will be at the expense of many of the little garden-fronted houses planted during the thirties, which will now have to make way for more concrete pavement slabs.

Mr. Kaljanski pointed out that the project was inevitable, considering that there are already over 80,000 vehicles registered within the city limits alone (one car per 4.5 citizens). "I have added that it would have no solution to the city's traffic problems, which he felt only a highway system could solve."

City Hall has no intention of banning cars from Tel Aviv's streets, Mr. Kaljanski noted, as it fears this would drive business out to the suburbs.

Describing the Municipality's plans for rapid transit, Mr. Kaljanski said it has set its sights on an efficient system which would be comfortable, fast and cheap enough to work in Tel Aviv but also the 405,000 more persons who travel daily to the central business district. It is hoped the system will induce the public to leave their cars at some suburban parking lot or better still, at home.

Some kind of decision on the idea is expected to come out of a meeting set for about a fortnight, now, between Mayor Yehoshua Rabinowitz and his traffic experts and Transport Minister Shimon Peres.

Both sides are basically agreed that only an underground railway system can solve the city's mass transport problems. But the Municipality wants the system to start with a line within its city limits, while the Ministry prefers to have it begin on a regional and even national basis.

The city's plans call for a 7½-kilometre long subway to link the "Tel Aviv South" (Mikve Israel) and "Tel Aviv North" railway stations. The route would go roughly via Levisky (the new Central Bus Station) through Rehov Allyn and under Allenby to Dizengoff Circle, and then continue for as far north as Jabotinsky before heading eastwards again to the Rehov Arlosoroff station.

Estimated construction costs are now set at IL700m, and construction time at five years, not counting the 18 months of preliminary planning required. All this provided modern technological know-how is used and there are no other unforeseen snags, Mr. Kaljanski stressed.

Despite a potential of some 300,000 passengers a day, there is no guarantee that the subway would pay its way. But that, Mr. Kaljanski stressed, was no longer the sole criterion anyway. It would pay off in terms of time saved by travellers and in saving on wear and tear of machinery, cars, human nerves and health.

He pointed out that a two-track underground railway has the passenger-carrying potential of a 204-metre-wide road.

On transport developments, Mr. Kaljanski said the new Central Bus Station now nearing completion — whose 500,000-passenger-a-day capacity would make it the world's largest — was a step in the right direction. So was the Dizengoff Centre project, which would help spread commerce in a vertical direction in place of the usual horizontal (traffic-burdening) spread.

## A-G GETS TWO NEW DEPUTIES

**Jerusalem Post Reporter**

The Cabinet yesterday approved the appointment of two new deputies to the Attorney-General, Meir Gabbai, and Meir Gabbai.

Dr. Cheshin will be generally responsible for public law and administration, while Dr. Gabbai will be responsible for commercial law, patents, designs and copyrights.

Dr. Cheshin, 37, who was born in Beirut, is the son of the late Supreme Court Justice Shimon Zalman Cheshin. A graduate of the Hebrew University, for the past 10 years he has been senior assistant to the State Attorney in charge of High Court appeals.

Dr. Gabbai, 40, was born in Jerusalem. He is a graduate of the Hebrew University and Columbia. Between 1962 and 1969, he worked for the U.N. in New York, dealing with capital investments and patents in developing countries. On his return home in 1969, he became Patents Registrar.

## Civil servants' pensions to be transferable

**Jerusalem Post Reporter**

Civil servants who switch to jobs in private firms, and employees of private firms who transfer to the Civil Service will be able to take their pension rights with them, under an amendment to the Civil Service Pensions Law which the Cabinet approved in draft form yesterday. It will be tabled shortly in the Knesset.

This arrangement empowers the Treasury to sign an undertaking with the relevant pension fund that, upon the individual's retirement, it will pay that part of his pension fund which represents the years of his employment by the Government. It is an extension of a system which already exists for civil servants who resign to take employment with another public institution.

The law, designed to promote labour mobility from one sector to another, follows a parallel agreement that the Civil Service Commission signed with the Histadrut and various pension funds last month.

An employee insured for a pension in a Histadrut fund has generally been able to withdraw his pension rights in cash if he becomes self-employed or takes a new job not covered by a Histadrut-sponsored pension. Civil servants, who do not contribute to their pensions but are covered by a budgetary pension arrangement, cannot draw any cash if they leave their posts.

## Building price freeze approved

**Jerusalem Post Reporter**

The Cabinet yesterday empowered Housing Minister Zeev Shariel to gavel orders under the Emergency Regulations to freeze the prices of new dwellings, business premises and of building services. He is expected to gavel the orders in a day or two.

The dwellings and premises involved will mainly be those constructed by the public housing companies, it is understood.

The Cabinet's decision does not relate to the proposal to prohibit construction of so-called luxury flats (120 sqm. and up), which is still being discussed by the Committee of Economic Ministers.

Last week, when the Cabinet decided in principle to freeze prices, Ministers suggested the building freeze be carried out under the same Commodities and Services Control Law which applies to these other items whose prices were "stabilized." However, an examination of the legal situation showed that this was not possible, and that the only solution was to invoke the Emergency Regulations.

The category "building services" will reportedly cover a range of works carried out by sub-contractors.

## Imports to be \$750m. dearer in 1974

**Jerusalem Post Reporter**

Owing chiefly to higher prices, imports of food and raw materials for industry will cost over IL750m. more in 1974 than this year, Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir told the Cabinet yesterday. He was reviewing his visit to the U.S., from where he returned late Saturday evening.

Mr. Sapir warned of the implications this would have in planning the 1974-75 Budget.

Cabinet sources said that no time at all was devoted in yesterday's session to the inflation, the wave of strikes or pending wage demands.

## Man believed drowned in Lake

**TIBERIAS.** — An unidentified Nazareth resident is believed to have drowned in the Kinneret Saturday afternoon, while swimming at a beach where bathing is prohibited.

A search for the man's body was begun as soon as the drowning was reported. It had not been found by press time.

## Fatal truck driver let off

**ASHDOD.** — The driver of a pickup who ran over and killed a woman in the Gaza Strip last year was yesterday given a three-month suspended sentence, fined IL2,500 and barred from driving for three years.

Magistrates' Court Judge Ghad Ghad said he was imposing a relatively light sentence on Yehuda Adon, 25, of Tel Aviv, because his lawyer proved that the victim had stepped onto the road without looking.

## Judge warns lower courts on records

**TEL AVIV.** — A District Court judge yesterday warned his would-be release prisoners under detention if the Magistrate's Court judges recommended them to pretrial custody failed to record minutes of the proceedings.

Judge Haim Dvorkin, noting that he was making an exception, kept a suspect in custody, allowing police to present him with the evidence they had already brought before the court which had issued the remanding order. The suspect, Shimon Miral, 23, of Petah Tikva, had been held on suspicion of taking part in the robbery of a passer-by of IL7,000 last week.

When the remand order was appealed, Judge Dvorkin found nothing in the lower court's minutes justifying the order in the first place. He then allowed the prosecution to call in the police representative, so that he could repeat his evidence.

## Press Council

In Sunday's report on the meeting last week, the Press Council blamed one of the speakers, Israel Journalists Association chairman David Pehtsaur, was incorrectly identified as chairman of the Council. The Council's chairman is former Supreme Court President Yitzhak Olshan.

The same item also misidentified, as advertisements, three newspaper articles which the Council had taken to task for misrepresenting the final disposition in the Kasher case of the 1960s.

A PLOT OF LAND has been allocated by the Military Government in Gaza for the construction of a mosque by residents of the Rimal quarter. The mosque, to be built at a cost of IL100,000 which is being raised by the residents, will be built on a human and a half of Government land near the Palestine school.

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Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Lautenberg at yesterday's dedication at Hadassah Hospital of the cancer-research centre bearing their name. (Strauss)

## CANCER RESEARCH CENTRE DEDICATED

**Jerusalem Post Reporter**

Scientists from major Israeli institutions gathered at Jerusalem's Hebrew University-Hadassah Medical School yesterday for the dedication of the spacious new quarters of its Lautenberg Centre for Cancer and Tumour Immunology.

The cancer-research centre, which has already reached international standing, is named after its donor, Mr. Frank E. Lautenberg, of Montclair, New Jersey, president of U.S. Automatic Data Processing Incorporated. Mr. and Mrs. Lautenberg were at the ceremony.

Mrs. Lautenberg's mother, who died of cancer, will be commemorated by the Centre's Ann Levinson Library.

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## Two terrorist suspects held in Judea

**Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter**

Two West Bank residents were yesterday arrested in Judea on suspicion of organizing terrorist activity.

Security circles last night withheld details about the arrests pending completion of the investigation. But unconfirmed reports said earlier that the arrest of the two men followed the discovery of an arms cache.

Last week, several suspects were detained in Samaria. Some were released after questioning. The total number has not been disclosed. The arrests in Samaria were said to have followed information that subversive elements were trying to organize sabotage cells, mainly among high school students. A number of pupils were recently arrested briefly for circulating subversive leaflets, and for minor sabotage acts, including throwing of Molotov cocktails and cutting of telephone wires in the Nablus area.

## Katzir buys first 100 M.D.A. lottery tickets

**President Ephraim Katzir yesterday launched the 20th annual Magen David Adom lottery, buying the first 100 lottery tickets himself at IL5 each. The drive is expected to bring in IL2.75m. toward financing MDA operations throughout the country.**

The President handed the tickets over for distribution to hospitalized soldiers.

The price of IL5 is the highest ever. There will be 14,400 prizes announced at the drawing on November 13, including three IL30,000 Bank Leumi savings certificates, nine cars, and free overseas trips.

Today, the President will inaugurate the Museum of the Holocaust and Jerusalem at Yad Vashem in Jerusalem. At his request, he visited Yad Vashem yesterday, where he was given a "preview" tour by Gideon Hauser, M.K., chairman of the Yad Vashem Council, and Yitzhak Arad, chairman of the board.

## Holocaust literature prize awarded

**BERGSLAYA.** — The Memorial Prize for Literature on the Holocaust was awarded Saturday night to Mordechai Tannen, editor of "Letzte Naies," Yiddish poet Avraham Sutzkover, and authors Leib Rubman and Yitzhak Mar.

The prize, \$4,500 for each of the winners, is sponsored by the World Association of Survivors of Bergen-Belsen. It was presented to the winners at a dinner in the Sharon Hotel here attended by Welfare Minister Michael Hazani, Tel Aviv Mayor Yehoshua Rabinowitz, poet Abba Kovner, and many authors and journalists.

# GAHAL IN HISTADRUT: LABOUR HAS LOST MORAL STATURE

**TEL AVIV.** — Gahal leaders Mahmoud Begin and Elimelech Rimal yesterday launched their Histadrut election campaign on the theme that the Government and Labour had "lost their moral influence" over the nation's workers. Mr. Begin called for compulsory arbitration as the solution to labour strife, and Dr. Rimal urged a reform in the Histadrut structure.

Speaking to a meeting of Gahal activists at Beit Leanan here, Mr. Begin said the doctors' strike and yesterday's warning strike by 50,000 civil servants proved that "proper administration must be based on moral influence rather than compulsion."

In compulsory arbitration, he said, any side in a labour dispute could aid and helping the unfortunate. He also urged the abolition of the a judge, which would hand down a Histadrut's Arab Department' say-decision "without delay." This was his members should be better than issuing injunctions, granted into the labour federation as which constituted interference by equal members.

the state in labour relations, he said.

Mr. Begin predicted that the doctors' strike would end in some kind of compromise. "Then it will be asked why this couldn't have been done by arbitration, which would have prevented needless suffering on the part of the public."

The Harut leader called on the thousands of Histadrut members to vote for Gahal "in reply to Yitzhak Ben-Aharon's call for the partition of Eretz Yisrael" (the Histadrut Secretary-General has proposed a unilateral partial withdrawal by Israel even before peace is established).

Dr. Rimal, urging a reform of the Histadrut structure, said, "there should be less talk about the class struggle and more about mutual aid and helping the unfortunate."

## Kenyan finds lesson for Africa in Israeli identity

**Jerusalem Post Reporter**

HAIFA. — "For a Kenyan, whose country is trying to cope with tribalism, the way you have made Hebrew the language of all is tremendously impressive," Mr. Faraj Dumila, secretary of the Kenyan Inter-Ministerial Committee for Cultural Affairs, told The Post in an interview here yesterday.

The 37-year-old Moslem is a professional journalist and broadcaster, and has also published several books on African culture.

Mr. Dumila is returning home today after a week-long visit as guest of the Foreign Ministry, during which he viewed cultural monuments and religious shrines in Jerusalem and Galilee.

He has been put in charge of East African participation in the big Black and African Culture Festival in Lagos in 1975. His visit to Israel had given him many ideas, which he would utilize for his preparations, he said.

He hopes to translate one of two Israeli books into Swahili which would give Africans an idea how "the Jewish people succeeded in maintaining their identity through the ages." He considered this of great importance for Africans, who are also trying to revive their cultural heritage and build up nations that will supersede tribalism.

Speaking fluent Arabic, Mr. Dumila has had talks with a number of Israeli Arabs and on Saturday met the Kad of Acre, Sheikh Mohammed Hubeshli.

The Kad spoke about the frustration of Israeli Arabs at their inability to make the traditional Hajj pilgrimage to Mecca, because the Arab governments won't let them. "He asked me to have Kenya's Moslems use their good offices to make the Hajj possible, and I shall certainly do my best," said Mr. Dumila.

AN 18-YEAR-OLD youth from Kfar Naft in Galilee, Ahmed Said, was remanded for 15 days by the Magistrate's Court in Acre yesterday on suspicion of stabbing to death his friend Hussein Ziad in the course of a quarrel on Saturday night.



FARAJ DUMILA

## Policeman accused of indecent acts

**TEL AVIV.** — A policeman from the Jaffa sub-district was charged yesterday with using his position to commit indecent acts with a girl, day met the Kad of Acre, Sheikh Mohammed Hubeshli.

The charges were brought against Rav-Shoker (corporal) Daniel Saporta, 27, of Holon, by assistant District Attorney Shmuel Reimer in the District Court here.

The incident allegedly took place last November, late at night, when Saporta was on duty in a patrol car. He is accused of having forced the girl, a Holon resident, to leave a taxi in which she was riding, and of having taken her in the patrol car to the Holon cemetery. After he asked his colleague, the patrol-car's driver, to leave the scene, he allegedly made his threats and committed the acts.

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Wins 19 seats in National Assembly

## Irish Catholic party 'major political force'

BELFAST. — The predominantly Catholic Social Democratic and Labour Party (SDLP) has emerged as a major political force for the first time, taking 19 of the 78 seats contested in last Thursday's General Election for a new Northern Ireland Assembly.

Catholic political leaders here yesterday proclaimed their successes as an outright defeat for Irish Republican extremists and told the guerrillas they should lay down their arms.

The SDLP will be the second largest party in the Assembly, after the Protestant-based Unionists led by former Premier Brian Faulkner, who won 25 seats. Although there will be much political horse-trading

over the coming weeks, the two groups are thought likely to work out some agreement to share power. The hardline Protestants of the self-styled "Loyalist coalition," together with dissident Unionists who support their rejection of power-sharing with Catholics, also have 25 seats.

But the coalition — composed of the vanguard Unionists of former Home Affairs Minister William Craig, and the Democratic Unionists of pro-separatist Ian Paisley — are divided on whether the province should go for unilateral independence or be completely integrated with Britain.

Before the election, the IRA Provisional wing urged all Catholics to mutilate their ballots. But election officials said this occurred on less than two per cent of the votes cast in the heavy turnout.

Political sources said this offered a good gauge to the public's disillusionment with the violence between the two religious communities that has killed 839 persons within the past four years. "The people want peace," one source said. "Now it is up to the politicians to produce it."

The leaders of both the major parties yesterday endorsed the possibility of a Roman Catholic-Protestant coalition being formed to govern the province.

But the euphoria of reconciliation may be premature. The Army reported that a gunman shot and killed a soldier in the Roman Catholic Sallenbury District of Belfast yesterday.

An Army spokesman said the soldier was a member of a foot patrol moving through Glenalina Road. Troops did not return the fire but launched an immediate search for the marksman, he said.

The death of the soldier — the 18th British serviceman killed in Northern Ireland — brought to 840 the total number of persons killed in four years of violence in the province. (Reuters, UPI)

VISIT. — Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas A. Khomeini yesterday flew to Saudi Arabia for an official visit.



A rebel tank of the 2nd Armoured regiment in position near Government House in Santiago during the short-lived army uprising against President Salvador Allende over the weekend. (AP radio photo)

## Chile rebels ask political asylum

SANTIAGO, Chile (AP). — Five leaders of an ultra-rightist group have asked political asylum of the Ecuadorian Embassy here following the failure on Friday of an armed rebellion against the government, the Chilean Foreign Minister said yesterday.

Orlando Letelier said the five asked asylum on Friday afternoon after President Salvador Allende announced the rebellion of the 2nd Armoured Regiment had been crushed.

Ecuadorian Ambassador Alfredo Correa said Ecuador was considering granting the asylum, if the five obtained safe conduct from Chilean authorities. Mr. Letelier, however, refused to say whether Chile would make such a grant.

The five named were: Rodriguez Grez, John Schaffer, Benjamin Matos, Manuel Fuentes and Juan Huinca Larrain.

Rodriguez Grez is President of the "Patria y Libertad," (Country and Liberty), a small group of ultra-rightists accused by the government of recent terrorist activities.

President Allende has asked congress to grant him state of siege powers in the wake of the revolt. As Christian Democratic Party leaders openly opposed the state of

siege, claiming Dr. Allende already has sufficient powers to enforce security regulations, Parliament decided to postpone discussion of the thorny issue until today.

Meanwhile, an assembly of striking mine workers from the El Teniente copper mine met yesterday at Rancagua, 80 kilometres south of here, to discuss a secret formula devised by Dr. Allende that could end the crippling 74-day strike. Sources close to the strike leaders said the formula was "acceptable" except for a clause creating a commission to consider the case of 300 dismissed miners accused of inciting workers to break regulations.

As army and government forces tightened security measures in the capital, several radio stations and a newspaper ("tribuna") were closed down for violations of censorship laws imposed after the abortive attempt.

## Signs of split in Uruguay

MONTEVIDEO (Reuters). — Armed troops in Uruguay stepped up operations yesterday to dislodge the last workers from factories seized in protest against an army-backed coup.

There were also signs of a growing split between military personnel who supported the dissolution of parliament and local government councils last Wednesday and "progressive" sectors of the armed forces.

While troops arrested hundreds of union leaders on Saturday, political opponents of President Juan Maria Bordaberry's new regime opened talks with liberal military officers. President Bordaberry ordered the arrests after the Communist-led National Workers' Convention (CNT) refused to end a general strike which virtually paralysed the country.

The President also faced pressure yesterday from former supporters in his Colorado Party who were understood to be joining ranks with the opposition.

Uruguay's only oil refinery was being worked yesterday by soldiers in an effort to restore production. Fuel supplies virtually ran out because of a strike at the refinery, but President Bordaberry decreed that petrol stations must re-open or their stocks will be confiscated and distributed free of charge.

## ICCS officers still held by Vietcong

SAIGON. — International Control Commission (ICCS) officials were negotiating for the release of two Canadian officials held by the Communists in a rubber plantation east of Saigon.

Canadian officials of the four-nation organization said they were waiting for a clearance from the Vietcong delegation for picking up the two army captains. Sources here said the Vietcong had agreed to release the two men but details of a landing zone for an ICCS helicopter and the provision of liaison officers at the release site about 50 kms east of Saigon had not been completed.

The two young captains were detained on Thursday soon after they left Saigon Government military escorts and entered the Communist controlled zone.

Yesterday, Communist troops staged three attacks on South Vietnamese units along the central coast, a government spokesman said. (Reuters, UPI)

## Agreement near on Italy Gov't

ROME (Reuters). — A solution to Italy's government crisis appeared close yesterday, following broad agreement by political leaders on a programme for a new Centre-Left cabinet.

But the crucial issue of Socialist Party participation in the new government still appeared uncertain.

The leaders of the four prospective Centre-Left partners — the Social Democrats, Christian Democrats, Socialists and Republicans — completed three days of intense negotiations on the new government programme early yesterday.

Most of the politicians leaving the meeting expressed optimism about a solution to the three-week-old crisis.

Premier-designate Mariano Rumor told reporters, "we have reached an agreement on the programme and we've worked well together."

But Socialist Party leader Francesco De Martino was less enthusiastic. He said his party would decide whether or not to participate in the government during meetings of the Central Committee and leadership in the next few days.

A large part of the Socialist Party is said to be against direct participation and would prefer to support the Centre-Left formula from the outside.

They have been holding off on a final decision pending the end of the negotiations.

## Circumnavigators reach home port

PLYMOUTH, England (AP). — A British gardener, his wife and their two babies reached here yesterday after a 19-month, 40,000-kilometre sail around the world in their 10-metre catamaran.

Colin Swale, 35, sold his landscape gardening business to buy the catamaran. He and his wife, 25-year-old Rosie, were strongly criticized at the time of their departure for taking their children, Eve, now three, and James, two, along.

They fought 30-metre waves when rounding Cape Horn and had to put in at a Brazilian port on the return when Mrs. Swale had a miscarriage. They sailed again after she underwent an emergency operation.

They were greeted by large crowds here on arrival. Stepping ashore was a novel experience for the infant James, who has spent most of his life at sea, and his mother, who had to be helped briefly while she learned how to walk on land again.



Jordanian firemen search the wreckage of the Soviet Aeroflot Tu-134 which crashed on take-off from Amman Airport on Saturday, killing eight people. (AP radio photo)

## Soviet-Jordanian inquiry into Aeroflot crash

AMMAN. — Jordanian officials said yesterday that the Armenian co-pilot of a Soviet Aeroflot which crashed here on Saturday was the only person killed on board the plane.

The seven others who died when the plane failed to take off from Amman Airport were people killed on the ground, they said. They included four children.

The officials named the co-pilot as Semenov Soman. Seventy-nine people were injured in the crash.

A committee of Soviet and Jordanian aviation experts yesterday hastened to recordings from the black box recovered from the wreckage of the Aeroflot airliner.

Jordanian Transport Minister Nadeem Zaru said the experts were puzzled why the pilot failed to gain altitude during take-off. He said that six out of 79 injured passengers were still being hospitalized for "minor injuries" and that the rest have been discharged from hospitals.

According to witnesses the pilot of the Tu-134 airliner tried to shut back his engines during the first stage of the take-off, then the plane ran off the runway and plunged into a nearby house. Among the injured was Princess Dima, divorced first wife of King Hussein. (Reuters, AP)

## Attacked by an angry woman, man 'escapes' into bear cage

BELGRADE (AP). — In his attempt to escape a woman who attacked him in a restaurant, a male diner fell 15 metres down a cliff and landed in a cage containing three brown bears who were waiting to be fed, the Belgrade daily, "Vecernje Novosti" reported yesterday.

Doctors said the man's life was in danger as a result of his half-hour battle with the bears before being rescued.

Spasoj Vitas, a 26-year-old Belgrade shop assistant, was dining at the cliff-side restaurant overlooking a zoo in the Kalemegdan Fortress Park, on Friday evening, the paper said. When he began to argue with a woman diner, the woman pulled

a pair of scissors from her handbag and attacked Vitas, who leapt over the restaurant parapet to escape.

Unfortunately the only thing over the other side was a drop into the pitch-dark bear cage. Vitas landed on the back of one of the animals, the paper added, and for the next 30 minutes was mauled by the bears, who had been expecting food from the restaurant guests, which is thrown down every night.

Diners tried to help Vitas by hurling bricks, rocks, bottles and chairs at the animals. Finally police and zoo-keepers managed to separate the bears from their victim with long iron bars and rush the bleeding, battered Vitas to hospital, the daily reported.

## St. Louis Israel Bond Group Reports On Visit to Fortifications at Suez Canal: No Apparent Signs of Tension Visible From Egyptian Missile Attack

No atmosphere of tension or unusual activities along the Suez Canal following the weekend firing of missiles by the Egyptians were reported by a group of Israel Bond leaders from St. Louis, who yesterday evening returned from a tour of some of the fortifications. The delegation, which is led by Henry H. Haffner, General Chairman of Bonds for St. Louis, travelled through Sinai to get first-hand impressions of defence problems and their effect on the country's economy.

The Bond leaders arrived on June 21 for a two-week visit to various development projects financed, with the aid of Bond investments, through the Development Budget. They are also meeting with government officials for briefings on current economic needs, especially those related to providing employment opportunities for new immigrants from the Soviet Union and elsewhere.

On Friday, the group was received by former Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion. Earlier in the week, they had a luncheon meeting with the Minister of Housing, Ze'ev Shafar, at the Knesset building in Jerusalem.

Mr. Haffner, who leads the delegation, is accompanied by his wife Gertrude, who served as Chairman of the Women's Division for several years, and their granddaughter, Linda Markman. Also in the group are Monroe Adler, a real-estate executive; Rose Cohen; Marvin Goldstein, past-President of Nussach



Former Prime Minister Ben-Gurion received the St. Louis Delegation of Israel Bond leaders at his home in Tel Aviv on Friday. (Left) Henry H. Haffner, who led the group, and Mrs. Evelyn Schreiber are shown with Mr. Ben-Gurion during the meeting. (Israel Bond photo)

Ha'ari B'nai Zion Synagogue and Mrs. Goldstein, President of the Sisterhood; Maury Groszky, executive of the St. Louis Bag Co.; David Katz, past-President and Bond Chairman of the Habonim Society of St. Louis; Joseph Letton, executive of the Letton Iron and Metal Co., and Mrs. Letton; Charles Rich, President of the Sander Investment Co., and Mrs. Rich; Mrs. Evelyn Schreiber, prominent lobbyist for the League of Women Voters; Miss Dorothy Wolfson, Executive

Director of the Springfield Jewish Federation and Bond campaign Chairman designate; Mr. and Mrs. George Zetlin; and Alvin Keller, of the Israel Bond campaign staff. Today, the Bond leaders are inspecting the port and other development projects in the Ashdod area and will also visit Kibbutz Yed Mordechai. Tomorrow, they are scheduled to meet new immigrants at the Lod Absorption Centre. They leave for home on Wednesday. (Communicated by Israel Bonds)



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## Cranko's death a blow to ballet

By DORA SOWDEN

JOHN Cranko's untimely death at 46 was a blow to ballet, particularly in Germany. Before he went to Stuttgart and founded his company in 1961, there was little of note in German ballet.

Born in South Africa in 1927, he studied dancing in Johannesburg and joined the Cape Town Ballet in 1942. Although, as he once admitted, he was never a really good dancer, he was full of ideas. At 15 he was already creating ballets in Cape Town. He entered the Sadler's Wells Ballet school and company in London in 1946 — and never looked back. He started with choreography almost immediately. With his first real success, "Pineapple Poll" in

1951 (still in the Royal Ballet repertoire), he became resident choreographer there.

Though his early works were almost too thick with ideas, John Cranko learned to prune his work and control his fertile imagination. His shorter works were especially well done. One of the movements at "Ebony Concerto," now in the repertoire of the Batsheva Dance Company, was inspired by watching snails in a garden.

"Song of My People-Forest-People-Sea," created specially for the Batsheva company, dealt with the Jewish people. Though his father was Jewish, John Cranko was not concerned about Jewish identity. The first scene in the ballet — sym-

bolising the Holocaust — was shattering in its dramatic impact, but the final scenes representing Israel's rebirth were less effective.

Many of his ballets were severely criticised, but even the harshest critics paid tribute to his inventiveness. His greatest achievement, however, was creating the Stuttgart Ballet and raising it from zero to world standard. Ironically, his most positive successes as choreographer came recently. In the Soviet Union, the Moscow audience applauded his "Taming of the Shrew" for 20 minutes. His latest visit with the company to the U.S.A. was possibly his greatest triumph. He died on the flight back on June 27 — at the height of his powers and fame.

## MUSIC REVIEW

### Drive was lacking

The Israel Philharmonic Orchestra, Zubin Mehta, conductor; Zvi Harel, cello (solo); Harel, Overture "The Impresario"; Dvorak: Cello Concerto; Harel: Suite "The Planets."

THE Dvorak Cello Concerto, though a standard repertoire work, is always welcome as its rich melodiousness and folk quality are not tiring. But it should be performed by a cellist with drive and personality if it is to be an enriching experience and not just another reading. Zvi Harel, although he is known as a fine musician, may have had a bad day, as his performance fell far short of the requirements. The intonation was insecure, the tone showed no appreciable volume or singing quality, the personal involvement was undiscernable and even the tempi dragged. Zubin Mehta tried to help the work along and speeded up in the orchestral interludes. He evoked a committed performance on the whole and helped to compensate for the regrettable shortcomings of the solo part.

Holst's "Planets" is not great music but is worth hearing. It gave the orchestra plenty to do, and the musicians performed their tasks with flawless precision and stimulating freshness. However, the "wrens" in the last movement were inadequate (as too few voices attempted to perform the quite exposed, six-part vocal score set in a dangerously high register). Zubin Mehta gave a forceful and convincing interpretation, and, as usual, the Orchestra collaborated fully with him, resulting in a colourful and stimulating performance.

YOHANAN BOBBY

Regrettably, there were two orchestral concerts on the same night, but the blame for faulty booking seems to lie with the Israel Chamber Ensemble as the I.P.O. dates are known a year in advance. Many thus missed one of the programmes.

### 'Britons told to leave Libya'

LONDON (INA). — The "Sunday Telegraph," in a weekend report, said five British subjects have been ordered to leave Libya, and others have been harassed by youths and officials as a result of the "cultural revolution."

"Some Americans, Europeans and Egyptians are also included in a purge of businesses and public institutions. Libyans will be given the jobs left by foreigners," says the paper.

"Committees have demanded entrance to homes of Britons and other Europeans. They have spent several days searching belongings and destroying books considered detrimental to Islamic philosophy. Stocks of alcoholic drinks have also been seized," says the paper.

### SYCAMORE SAVED

HAZARIYA. — An old sycamore tree that stood in the way of a highway improvement operation was successfully transplanted by Public Works Department men on Friday.

The tree was saved thanks to the efforts of the Nature Protection Society which had been alerted by Eli Avivi, the "hermit" of Azhar, near which the tree stood. The PWD officials were persuaded to dig up the tree and transplant it — at a cost of IL2,000.

PWD workers took time off from their work on Friday to carefully water the tree.



Not everything is serious at the Watergate hearing. Left to right: Senator Howard Baker (Republican, Tenn.), Rufus Edmisten, deputy counsel, and Senator Sam Ervin (Democrat, North Carolina).

## Dean — man against the President

By ELIZABETH WHARTON

WASHINGTON (UPI). — The five days of questioning before the Senate committee investigating the Watergate scandal is now being assessed. The hearing is adjourned until next week.

Dean is one of only three or four men in Washington who could testify to any first-hand knowledge of Nixon's role in either the planning or the cover-up of the Watergate break-in.

Dean acknowledged to the committee — and to the millions of viewers of the nationally televised hearings — that as of now, it is his word against the President's.

The key elements of Dean's testimony remained unshaken by exhaustive cross-examination, much of it probing and some of it hostile. Time and again, and less, he was led back over the same ground he had covered in his 65,000-word opening statement outlining his role in the White House effort to cover up the scandal which broke when five men were arrested in the act of breaking into and bugging the Democratic National Committee Headquarters on June 19 last year.

Attempts to catch him in contradictions or memory lapses were unsuccessful. After more than 35 hours on the witness stand his central contentions remained — neither disproved by contradiction nor proved by corroboration.

These contentions included insistence that Nixon had congratulated him as far back as September 15 on his successful efforts to prevent the Grand Jury indictments from reaching any higher into the White House than to former consultant G. Gordon Liddy.

### Hush-money

The contention that he had discussed both the question of hush-money payments and possible executive clemency for the seven defendants with Nixon last February, and that he had given Nixon a briefing on the full extent of the White House involvement a month before Nixon told the nation that "new facts" had come to light and were being investigated.

The White House said on Friday that this briefing had taken place on April 17, the day Nixon made his announcement of a new investigation, but Dean maintained they either deliberately or accidentally had confused the dates of two meetings in Nixon's office.

The week was marked with far more than Dean's testimony itself. The combination of Dean's story and the documents he furnished the committee (and the Federal Court) offered the American people their first real look inside the inner offices of the executive mansion.

Spread out for public view were alleged plans for espionage on civilians whose only guilt was disagreement with White House policy; of the alleged use of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), the F.B.I. and the Internal Revenue Service (all formerly sacrosanct from politics) for purposes of political retaliation and espionage.

It is these allegations that the President must now consider.

## The main problems are social as Syria dedicates giant dam

By HARRY DUNPHY

BEIRUT (AP). — A new Soviet-financed dam on the historic Euphrates River in Northern Syria will make the apex of the "fertile crescent" green again after thousands of years. It will also displace more than 70,000 persons.

The \$300m. dam, which will be dedicated Thursday, is expected to more than double the predominantly agricultural nation's irrigated land in the next 30 to 40 years and triple its production of electricity. But the many farmers who will be forced to move are unhappy with the plans to resettle them on cooperative farming communes, according to U.N. officials.

They grow cotton, Syria's major export crop, in the rich bottomland behind the three-mile-long, 300-foot high dam. This area will be submerged, destroying 59 villages. Eventually a salamander shaped lake 50 miles long and capable of storing 12 billion cubic metres of water will form.

### Smaller houses

The new cement houses were less than half the size of the mud-brick ones they were accustomed to, lacking storage facilities for their harvest and were too close together.

Planners at the General Administration for the Development of the Euphrates Dam (GADES) admit there have been setbacks and many problems remain, but they are convinced the obstacles in "human engineering" can be overcome, U.N. reports said.

U.N. agencies will spend \$4m. in programmes to help farmers settle in and establish new cash crops and money-making activities such as dairying and fish farming.

### QATAR ISSUES OWN COINS

DOHA (Reuters). — Following introduction of its own banknotes last month, the Qatar monetary agency has now started issuing its own coins — an initial consignment of six million coins produced at Britain's Royal Mint, in denominations from 50 dirhams (5p sterling) to one dirham.

The new currency was introduced when the United Arab Emirates, where Dubai shared a currency board with Qatar, launched a new unified federal currency.



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# 'INSTANT' ISRAEL FAMILY

By LEA LEVAVI

Dr. Mordechai Gerstein — who immigrated from Boston with his family ten months ago to become Galilee's only cardiologist — thinks his decision to settle in Safad may be part of the reason the Gersteins have become "Israel" so quickly.

Another reason may be their command of Hebrew. Dr. Gerstein studied the language as part of his religious education and in his work as a counselor at Hebrew-speaking summer camps. Mrs. Gerstein spent a year at Bar-Jonah before her marriage and their three daughters (aged 3, 5 and 8) already speak like natives though they did not know any Hebrew before they came.

"I think part of the reason immigrants have so many problems is that they don't take their Hebrew studies seriously," Dr. Gerstein told me when we met at the Rebecca Sieff Government Hospital in Safad, where he now works. "It would be ideal if immigrants could be encouraged to learn Hebrew before they come. If not, it's too bad we can't do them the favors in the upland until they learn."

But knowing the language is only part of the problem. The immigrant must speak it, too. "There aren't that many English-speaking people in Safad. Friends of ours who live in most central parts of Israel find themselves in an American ghetto where you hear no Hebrew whatsoever. In the final analysis, they aren't very happy; it's as if they still haven't immigrated."

Dr. Gerstein first came here alone about this time last year to look for a job. His contract with the Veterans Administration Hospital in Boston had just expired, and there were tempting offers from other

American hospitals; but he and his wife had decided that this was the time to go to Israel. "We thought we'd try it for a year or two and see how we liked it. After our second week here, we decided we're staying for good."

## Needed in Safad

Though hospitals in the center of the country offered him jobs, he decided to come to Safad when he heard there was no resident cardiologist in Galilee. "I had a long talk with the director of this hospital and decided this was where I wanted to be. When I saw the new building — we'll be moving over there in a month or two — and that said we'd have much better equipment there and, incidentally, a beautiful view of the Kinneret and the Golan."

Dr. Gerstein did not mention the term "culture shock," though he did say there were some things which took some getting accustomed to, such as the afternoon siesta and the six-day work week. I asked him how he felt about participating in his first physicians' strike, a phenomenon which is virtually unknown in American medicine. "I tend to think the strike isn't such a good idea, but I hesitate to say that because I'm a doctor, who know local conditions far better than I do, think it's necessary. It seems they have no other way to get what they want. Maybe that's the saddest part."

Though Dr. Gerstein is not con-

cerned about the problems immigrants complain about ("sure there's bureaucracy here — but isn't that true everywhere?"), he would like to see some changes in our health care system. "I think our biggest problem is the care of private patients. According to the law, I am not allowed to treat patients privately, but many patients come to me and plead for private care — at any price. The doctors at Kupat Holim are over-worked and people who can afford private consultations want them. I see no reason why they shouldn't have them."

The relationship between doctors inside and outside the hospitals is another problem which concerns him. "One doctor takes care of the patient in Kupat Holim. When he gets to the hospital, another doctor takes over — and after he is sent home there may be still a third." To make matters worse, relations between the doctors are not always very good. "The Kupat Holim doctor sometimes resents the hospital doctor because we have a reputation for acting as if we're higher than God. Some of us here are giving courses to Kupat Holim doctors to try to change this situation."

Dr. Gerstein dreams of someday starting a Heart Institute at the Safad hospital, similar to the one at Tel Hashomer. "I'm even doing fund-raising to buy equipment we need for our present work."

INEVITABLY, the conversation turned back to his role as a new immigrant, and of course, it

would be impossible to complete an interview without a question about immigrants' benefits. "I agree that they create a gap between us and the veteran settlers," Dr. Gerstein said he would not have been able to buy a car if he had had to pay customs, and he would not have a flat without the Ministry of Absorption's loan. "Of course Israelis complain about immigrants' benefits. But with all the complaining, I see that people manage to buy cars, take trips abroad and do everything they want to do."

## Plays in Hebrew

When Dr. Gerstein went home for lunch, he invited me to join him and meet the rest of the family. Their youngest daughter was sprawled on the living-room floor, talking to herself in Hebrew while playing. "The children took their example from us," Dr. Gerstein said when I commented on it. "They saw that we had come here to stay, and so they got used to their new home very quickly."

Mrs. Gerstein said, "Ever since I was here as a student, I dreamed of settling here. Another thing. We moved around a lot in the States and whenever we wanted to settle in a new town we would have to make sure there was a synagogue and a religious day school. Here we don't have that problem."

Yet the Gersteins do not think being religious was the determining factor in helping their settlement. "The only difference it might make is that we had a lot of prior exposure to Hebrew," Dr. Gerstein said. "I didn't come here out of religious motives. I came because I thought this is where I could contribute something."

## Public apathetic, but the Haifa consumers' group keeps fighting



Dr. ERNA MEYER

By YAAQOV ARDON  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — A PACKAGE of popcorn with the picture of a death's head on it and the word "ra'al" (poison) printed on it surprised even the hardened volunteers of the Consumers' Association (Igd Hachochim) at 51 Jerusalem Street in Haifa.

The complaint had bought it from a kiosk in Kiryat Ata. The Consumers' Association referred the package immediately to the Health Ministry, which in turn sent an inspector to the kiosk. The contents were in fact popcorn, but there was no explanation of how it had got into the "poison" packet.

"Nobody can read there. The people there are illiterate," he reported back. Apparently even the death's head did not arouse their suspicion.

The entire stock of popcorn, similarly wrapped, was confiscated, and police are now prosecuting.

In far too many times of stewed fruit the relationship between fruit and water is weighted too much in favour of the water. These violations of official stan-

dards (which fixes a minimum proportion of fruit and a maximum for liquid matter) are referred to the Ministry for Commerce and Industry. Compensation is obtained for the buyer and court action instituted against the offending canning plant.

These are only two of the hundreds of complaints which have reached the Haifa branch of the Consumers' Association during the last 12 months, although it is open only between 10 and 12 every morning, Friday excepted.

Sometimes small causes have costly consequences for the consumer. One complained that a tin of green peas he had bought had contained a little stone. He damaged two teeth of an expensive bridge while eating the peas. The Consumers' Association negotiated six months before the canning plant paid the owner of the damaged dental bridge IL500 for the repair work.

"These are some samples of the complaints we deal with and were not among the most difficult to settle," says Dr. Erna Meyer, founder of the Consumers' Association, an independent body,

free of any political affiliations. At 83, Dr. Meyer is still a serious force. She has a good deal of praise for the municipal inspection department, which she says is prompt in following up reports of unsanitary conditions in groceries.

The most fractious of the association's "clients" are tradesmen, especially cabinet makers. For assessing their workmanship, especially made-to-order furniture, the association relies on paid experts, whose testimony often serves as the basis for legal actions, with a higher percentage of success. "We can say that 90 per cent of the complaints are settled to the satisfaction of the consumers," says Dr. Meyer.

She has a complaint against the public. "We give free advice to people before they make a major purchase. But people should consult us more often before they buy. We have been at work in Haifa for 19 years and are impressed by the immense passivity of the consumers. But that is a phenomenon throughout the world. People let off steam by talking to their friends and neighbours instead of fighting back."

## World experts seek to harness solar energy COOKING BY THE SUN

By ALINE MOSBY

PARIS (UPI). — Pollution and the fuel crisis could herald a new dawn for solar energy, scientists believe.

Six hundred experts from 70 countries will assemble here today to mark what some of them believe to be the start of a wide-spread recognition of the sun's ability to heat homes, drive cars, protect crops, cook food, run refrigerators and distill water.

The scientists will trade ideas in the largest conference on solar energy in history, and at one of the largest scientific meetings ever held under the sponsorship of the U.N. Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (Unesco).

For 20 years solar energy has been in the experimental stage because the rich industrialized countries had enough oil and the developing countries in the sun belt who really need it were too poor to develop it on a full scale, explained one scientist attending the meeting, Dr. Harry Lustig of

New York City College. "But most recently attitudes have changed quite dramatically, and events have occurred which make it appear that the take-off point for solar energy development may now have been reached," Lustig said.

Already 32 countries are either using solar energy or carrying out research into ways of harnessing the sun's energy.

Scientists in Kazakhstan, in the Soviet Union, use concentrated solar heat to treat various illnesses. Solar systems that store electricity are used to light rural houses in Pakistan. Solar ponds in Japan warm irrigation water for rice paddies. Israel has 100,000 solar water heaters. Small solar cookers have also been produced in Israel for use in isolated areas in Africa.

New Zealand has built solar swimming pool heaters. The University of Arizona is working on a plan to convert sunshine into electricity by steam turbines.

## Sunflower oil to fight sclerosis

LONDON (AP). — A group of British doctors have discovered that sunflower seed oil adds the treatment of multiple sclerosis, a nervous disorder, the "British Medical Journal" reported yesterday.

Doctors of the National Hospital for Nervous Diseases in London and the Royal Victoria Hospital in Belfast and Prof. Ephraim Field of Newcastle University have established that people with the com-

plaint lack linoleic acid in their body and sunflower seed oil has a large proportion of the acid.

Usually sclerosis sufferers encounter increasing disability and paralysis over a period of 10 to 15 years. But those treated with the sunflower oil — two ounces daily — together with abstention from animal fats have less severe relapses and deteriorate less rapidly, the "Journal" said.

## New on the market

IONOTRON, an electronic air purifier which, it is claimed, can end the discomfort of a shower, as well as many chronic ailments, will now be marketed locally by its producers, the Amcor division of Amcor. Thousands of units have already been sold in England, Germany, Switzerland and Sweden.

The Ionotron is based on the discovery that air particles with a negative electrical charge ("negative ions") are beneficial while those with a positive electrical charge ("positive ions") have a deleterious effect on man. Before a shower, for example, there is an increase in the number of positive ions — the "bad" ions. Another source of positive ions is industrial pollution. The Ionotron — installed in homes or offices, by plugging it into an electric socket — creates an emission of negative ions, while filtering the air of soot, smoke, gases, dust and other pollutants.

Research at the Technion and the Hebrew University School of Pharmacology indicates that the Ionotron relieves asthma, insomnia, migraine headaches, hay fever and other allergies, high blood pressure, palpitations of the heart and vertigo.

The local price for the Ionotron is IL650, and IL850 for the unit combined with an air filter. On a more conventional plane, Amcor is now making the biggest refrigerator on the local market, the Amcor 18. It features a separate freezing compartment, a heater to soften butter and a medicine tray. The refrigerator costs IL3,245.

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# HEBREW UNIVERSITY TO CONFER 8 HONORARY DOCTORATES AT ANNUAL CONVOCATION TODAY

## Convocation marks close of 48th academic year

The annual Convocation of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, taking place this afternoon in the Mona Bronfman Sheckman Amphitheatre on the Givat Ram campus, marks the close of the academic year at the University. It will be highlighted by the conferment of the degrees of Doctor of Philosophy and Doctor of Laws on 126 graduates of the University and the award of Honorary Doctorates and the Bublick Prize to distinguished scientists and public figures from Europe, the United States and Israel.



Mr. Abraham Harman,  
University President



Mr. Samuel Rothberg,  
Chairman, Board of Governors



Prof. Michael Rabin,  
University Rector

## Frank R. Lautenberg Centre in Immunology dedicated in Ein Karem

In a ceremony held yesterday on the University's Ein Karem Medical Campus, the Lautenberg Centre for General and Tumour Immunology was dedicated. Founded as the Department of Immunology in 1968, the Lautenberg Centre, directed by Prof. David V. Weiss, is today a major international focus for research and academic instruction, offering formal course work in all areas of immunology, conducting basic research projects and publishing scientific communications, symposia and books on immunology.

Frank R. Lautenberg, a leader in the computer industry in the United States, has been a major driving force behind the creation of the Lautenberg Centre, and is a devoted and generous sponsor of other University efforts, especially in the area of medical research in immunology. A member of the University's Board of Governors and first Vice-President of the American Friends of the Hebrew University as well as a national leader of the U.S.A., he has been a committed supporter of the University's interests for a number of years and has participated in the Prime Minister's Economic Conference. Frank Lautenberg traces the origins of his active involvement in the advancement of Israel to his close friendship with the late Rabbi Shai Shachnai who led the Wayne Jewish community of which he was



Mr. Frank R. Lautenberg

a member. It was in his memory that Mr. Lautenberg created a prestigious endowed annual lectureship and prize in immunology bearing Shai Shachnai's name. The 1973 Rabbi Shai Shachnai Memorial Lectureship and Prize was awarded to the distinguished immunologist, Prof. G.J.V. Nossal.

Mr. and Mrs. Lautenberg participated in yesterday's dedication ceremony having arrived in Israel at this time as guests of the University for the Convocation week ceremonies.

## OTHER EVENTS

A number of University events are included in the week of Convocation.

The first of these, the dedication of the Lautenberg Centre for General and Tumour Immunology, took place yesterday in the Hebrew University-Hadassah Medical School on the Ein Karem campus, in the presence of Frank R. Lautenberg and family.

Last evening, a dinner in honour of Honorary Degree recipients was held at the Knesset in the presence of the Prime Minister, Mrs. Golda Meir.

This evening, following the Convocation ceremony in the Mona Bronfman Sheckman Amphitheatre, a reception will be given by Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Rothberg, in honour of the occasion.

Tomorrow, the dedication of the Charles E. Smith Family Residence Building on Mount Scopus will take place.

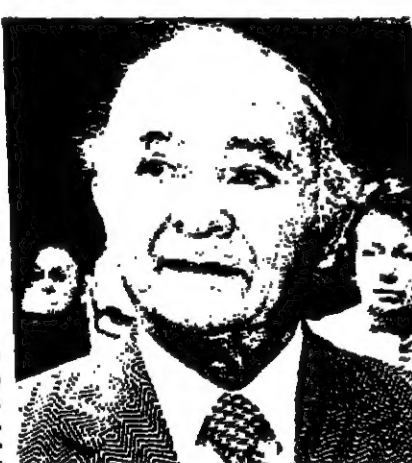
On Wednesday, July 4, the University will celebrate the 25th anniversary of the establishment of the Belgian Friends of the Hebrew University organization, in a day designated "Belgium Day." Belgium Day will include a festive luncheon in the Belgium House Faculty Club; the dedication of Kiryat Maierdorf, the student residence centre on Mount Scopus; and the cornerstone laying of the Léon and Yvonne Maierdorf Faculty Club on Mount Scopus. The day's festivities will conclude with a reception and dinner.

## Charles E. Smith Family Dormitory to be dedicated

The Charles E. Smith Family Residence Building, designed to provide much needed apartments for married students, including those with children, will be dedicated tomorrow at a ceremony to take place on the Mount Scopus campus. The Smith Residence forms part of a large complex providing students of the University with living accommodations, recreational and cultural facilities, and services which form a self-contained unit on Mount Scopus.

Charles E. Smith, a leading American leader from Washington, D.C., is a long-time friend of the University who has taken a leadership role in promoting its interests and the interests of Israel in general. His efforts to forward scientific research at the University and his present generous gift of a student residence centre on Mount Scopus are examples of his understanding of the needs to be met in educating the youth of Israel for their future part in society. Mr. Smith is President of the Metropolitan Washington, D.C. Chapter of the American Friends of the Hebrew University and a member of the University's Board of Governors.

In a ceremony earlier this year in Washington D.C., Mr. Smith was



Mr. Charles E. Smith

awarded the 1973 Jewish L. Magnes Gold Medal of the University for his service to its progress. In addition to his efforts on behalf of the Hebrew University, Charles E. Smith has generously given of his time and effort in advancing the work of U.I.A. and Israeli Bonds in the United States, two organizations in which he occupies policy-making positions.

## Bublick Prize awarded to Professor E.D. Bergmann



Prof. E.D. Bergmann

The Solomon Bublick Prize, awarded in alternate years in recognition of significant contribution to the development of Israel or the furtherance of scientific progress, is to be bestowed today on Prof. Ernst David Bergmann, world renowned scientist in the field of organic chemistry, and Vice-President of the Hebrew University.

Prof. Bergmann's scientific achievements cover a wide range of topics, his research as an organic chemist having far-reaching implications in both theoretical and applied chemistry, especially petrochemistry. His efforts in the founding of scientific institutions and the development of new research areas in Israel are unmatched, and have been paramount in earning this country the impressive position that it enjoys in the world scientific community. He was responsible for the planning of the Daniel Sieff Research Institute in Rehovot and was its first Scientific Director; he was the first Director of the Chaim Weizmann Institute of Science, Scientific Director of the Scientific Department of the Israeli Ministry of Defence immediately after the founding of the State in 1948, and was Chairman of the Israel Atomic Energy Commission from 1953 to 1966. In 1968, he was recipient of the Israel Prize for Natural Sciences.

Combining a life-time work as a scientist with devoted service to the State of Israel, he has set an example for a whole generation of Israel's scientific leaders.

Chairing the Convocation, to be held in the presence of the Prime Minister, Mrs. Golda Meir, will be University President Abraham Harman. Guests will be welcomed by the Chairman of the Board of Governors, Mr. Samuel Rothberg, while academic honours will be awarded by the Rector of the University, Prof. Michael Rabin, and the Deans of the Faculties.

Due to address the Convocation are Prof. E.D. Bergmann and Prof. Gaston Eyskens. At a dinner held last night in the Knesset and graced by Mrs. Meir's presence, addresses were given by Mr. Shaul Avigur and Prof. Charles Alfred Coulson.

Honorary Degrees for public service are to be conferred on Mr. Shaul Avigur (Israel), Mr. Ted Cha-

nock (U.S.), Prof. Gaston Eyskens (Belgium), Dr. Joseph Lindemann (U.S.), and Mr. James Ross (U.S.); the following will be honoured for their scientific achievements: Prof. Charles Alfred Coulson, F.R.S. (England), and Prof. Moshe Rachmilewitz (Israel). The Bublick Prize is to be awarded to Prof. Ernst David Bergmann, distinguished Israeli scientist and a Vice-President of the University. The late Haim Hazaz, the noted Israeli author, will be posthumously honoured with a Doctorate approved by the Senate a short while before his death. Also awarded earlier in the academic year were Honorary Doctorates to the former U.S. Ambassador to Israel, Mr. Walworth Barbour, and to Nobel Prize Laureate Prof. Manfred Eigen, of Germany.



The Mona Bronfman Sheckman Amphitheatre on the Givat Ram Campus, site of today's Convocation ceremony

## HONORARY DEGREES CONFERRED ON TEN DURING PRESENT ACADEMIC YEAR

Recipients of this year's Honorary Doctorates, the University's highest honour, include the following men of distinction from five countries, whose contributions to public service, diplomacy, science, medicine and Hebrew literature have earned them this recognition.



MR. SHAUL AVIGUR — One of the pioneering ideologists of the kvutza movement in Israel, he took the leadership role in the fateful days preceding the establishment of the State in arms procurement, the self-defence movement and "illegal" immigration. In the long years since those crucial days, he has devoted himself to the ceaseless struggle of Jews isolated in lands of persecution for the right to emigrate to the State of Israel.



H. E. WALWORTH BARBOUR — In the eleven years he served as United States Ambassador to Israel, his perceptiveness and deep understanding of the spirit and values of Israel as well as those of his own country helped to solidify relationships between the two countries and lay the foundations for an enduring friendship spanning not only diplomacy, but also intellectual and scientific endeavours beneficial to both.



MR. THEODORE CHANOOCK — A member of the University's Board of Governors and a prominent leader of the American Friends of the Hebrew University, he has been a pioneer of the communications industry in the United States and a generous supporter of Israel. The Chanoock Department of Virology and the Chanoock Chair of Virology, both established through his efforts, are accelerating the work of University scientists in conquering viral diseases plaguing mankind today.



PROF. CHARLES A. COULSON, F.R.S. — Professor of Theoretical Chemistry at Oxford University, he has distinguished himself through his pioneering contributions to the development of theoretical chemistry. A far-sighted advisor to the University in its early efforts to develop a top-level curriculum in theoretical chemistry, he provided guidance which marked the beginning of modern teaching and research in this field in Israel.



PROF. MANFRED EIGEN — Director of the Max Planck Institute of Biophysical Chemistry at Göttingen and winner of a Nobel Prize for originating and developing the methods of chemical relaxation applied to the study of fast processes in chemistry and biology, he has been one of the foremost statesmen of international science. A staunch and constructive friend of Israel and its scientific progress, he made available a portion of his Nobel Prize award to further the research efforts of the Hebrew University.



PROF. GASTON EYSENS — Distinguished Belgian statesman and Professor of Economics at Louvain University and Honorary President of the Belgian Friends of the Hebrew University, he provided leadership to his country as its Premier and Finance Minister in the crucial years of recovery and rebuilding following the Second World War. As a devoted friend of the University, he has given of his time and energies to make it a centre for leadership training, scholarship and research.



MR. HAIM HAZAZ — A writer who has endowed future generations with a rich and multi-faceted picture of the people of Israel in all its varied guises, as well as in this, its homeland, he played an important role in shaping the form of modern Hebrew literature. His artistry portrayed the vastly divergent backgrounds of Israel's many communities, yet focused on the elements unifying the various strains into one people.



DR. JOSEPH LINDEMANN — Pharmaceutical industrialist and generous patron of advanced studies in the pharmaceutical sciences, he was one of the leading benefactors of the University's School of Pharmacy, the only such institution of higher learning in Israel. He has supported the University's work across the board through his efforts on behalf of its American Friends organization and as a member of its prestigious Society of Founders.

## Léon and Yvonne Maierdorf honoured in Belgium Day ceremonies

On Wednesday, July 4th, named as Belgium Day in honour of the many friends of the University from that country who, over a period of 25 years, have provided devoted support to the Hebrew University, the large student residence complex on Mount Scopus will be dedicated in the name of Léon and Yvonne Maierdorf, of Belgium. The Cité Universitaire is being named for the Maierdorfs as a tribute to their record of service and personal commitment to the welfare of the world Jewish community in general and the State of Israel in particular. On the same day, the cornerstone will be laid for the Léon and Yvonne Maierdorf Faculty Club, also to form part of the campus rising on Mount Scopus.

The Hebrew University deems it more than fitting that the names of Léon and Yvonne Maierdorf be linked with the rebuilding of its campus on Mount Scopus, for Mr. and Mrs. Maierdorf have played a most active role in Belgian Jewry's efforts on behalf of the State of Israel and this University. Léon Maierdorf has also provided outstanding leadership to the Belgian Jewish community's local endeavours, showing particular interest in the establishment of the Brussels Jew-



Mr. Léon Maierdorf

ish Home for the Aged, to which he and his wife Yvonne devote much of their support and their time. The Belgium Day dedication ceremonies will be held in the presence of Prof. Gaston Eyskens, former Premier of Belgium, and Honorary President of the Belgian Friends of the Hebrew University, who is to receive an Honorary Doctorate from the University in today's Convocation ceremony.

## Record number receive degrees during 1972-73 academic year

The 1972-73 year has been one of the most active in the University's history both in terms of academic achievement and in regard to physical progress in the building and development programme, especially that on the Mount Scopus campus. At ceremonies held earlier in the year, 2,170 Bachelor's degrees were conferred: 1,046 in Humanities, 538 in the Social Sciences, 395 in Science, 118 in Law and 87 in Social Work. A further 720 received Master's degrees, the degrees of Doctor of Medicine and Dental Medicine, and post-graduate diplomas: 85 in Humanities, 124 in the Social Sciences, 1 in Social Work (the first graduate of a new programme at the School of Social Work), 14 in Law, 163 in Science, 42 in Agriculture, 49 in the Medical Sciences,

28 in Public Health, 6 in Pharmacy, 63 in Medicine, 13 in Dentistry, 47 in Librarianship, 40 in Business Administration, 26 in Criminology, and 24 in Groundwater Research.

Of the 126 to receive their Ph.D. and D.Jur. degrees today, 24 are from the Faculty of Humanities, 11 from the Faculty of Social Sciences, 58 from the Faculty of Science, 21 from the Faculty of Medicine, 9 from the Faculty of Agriculture, and 3 from the Faculty of Law.

In addition, the University's School of Education this year awarded 330 teaching certificates to graduates already holding Bachelor's or Master's degrees in the humanities, social sciences or science.



PROF. MOSHE RACHMILEWITZ — Physician, medical scientist and teacher, he has been mentor and guide to generations of young doctors who studied and worked under him both before and after the establishment of the Hebrew University-Hadassah Medical School, of which he is a founding father. As former Dean of the Faculty of Medicine and Pro-Rector of the University, he led the development of progressive teaching methods for both medical students and practising physicians seeking to increase their knowledge.



MR. JAMES ROSS — Industrialist and philanthropist, long-time supporter of the University, member of its Board of Governors, American Friends organization and Society of Founders, he has forwarded the University's many-sided endeavours by establishing the James and Edith Ross Student Residence on Mount Scopus and the James Ross Science Research Building on Givat Ram. He is a founder of the Harry S. Truman Research Institute.



# GOING ATOMIC AFTER 50th ANNIVERSARY



Lord Balfour with personalities of the day, pays a visit to the Tel Aviv power station in the early days of the Electric Corporation. The picture shows (1) Nahum Sokolow, (2)

Dr. George Halpern, (3) Yekutiel Baharav, the corporation's first secretary, (4) Lord Balfour, and (5) Meir Dizengoff, the then mayor of Tel Aviv.

## THE ISRAEL ELECTRIC CORPORATION

By YA'ACOV ARDON

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The planning of the country's first nuclear power station will begin in a few years with the construction before the end of the present decade, chairman of the Electric Corporation's Board of Directors, Dr. Yacov Ardon, said on Sunday.

"It is an irony of fate that 50 years ago the company started, by planning the conversion of water power into electricity while today we are on the eve of using electricity to create water," he observed.

He was referring to the country's first major power station at Naharayim, south of Lake Kinneret where the company's founder, Pinhas Rutenberg, had harnessed the confluence of the Jordan and the Yarmouk to generate electricity. The power station there was put into service nine years after Rutenberg secured from the British Government the concession for generating, distributing and selling electricity throughout Palestine and Transjordan, including only the Jerusalem area. The company's first power station, midge of 0.3 megawatts, began to supply electricity to the houses of Tel Aviv exactly 50 years ago this month. The occasion was marked yesterday by an anniversary dinner of the management and the surviving employees of the 1920s.

### The difficulties

New light on the enormous difficulties, from within the Zionist camp and from without, was shed by the corporation's first secretary Yekutiel Baharav, who retired in 1960 after 40 years of service. With a keen memory and dry humour he recalled how Pinhas Rutenberg, the renowned Russian social-revolutionary, had begun to take an interest in the electrification of Israel under the influence of an article in a Russian-language publication by the Haifa engineer Nahum Witkush, who had studied the subject. Rutenberg used his last £100 to come to Israel, toured the country with Witkush and decided to electricity it. Witkush gave him \$3,000 of Jewish Agency money for the planning, against the opposition of Chaim Weizmann, who disliked Rutenberg, whom he thought "a wild man." (The dislike was mutual.) Rutenberg had an engineer's clear concept of the need for putting all the country's water resources under the control of a single body for regulating power generation and distribution. He included in the demand



Pinhas Rutenberg, founder of the Electric Corporation.

for his concession area the country up to the Litani river. (This frontier was rejected in the final map agreed upon between Britain and France.)

Another difficulty arose in the demand of the British Government for a £100,000 guarantee by the concessionaire, a sum in excess of the entire investment envisaged at the time. It was supplied by the London Rothschilds in the form of a letter to the Colonial Office.

Rutenberg and Baharav were in the U.S. to raise investment capital when they were recalled to London, where a public campaign to block the concession got under way after clerics at Baghdad complained to the

Archbishop of Canterbury that the power station project and regulation of the water level would disfigure the holy places on the Sea of Galilee. The temper was abated by guarantees that the water surface would be maintained between agreed maximum and minimum levels, safeguarding the holy sites against ecological surprises.

The Rutenberg concession concerning Transjordan was embodied in a special law there published in 1923 in the official gazette ("The Shark al Arabi") (The Arab East) to distinguish it, Baharav said, from the Jewish East which lays west of the Jordan river.

General manager Abraham Bloch traced the stupendous growth of the I.E.C., whose generating capacity had risen from one megawatt 48 years ago, to 13 after Naharayim went into service, and to 87 megawatts in mid-1948 after the station (meanwhile developed to 15 megawatt capacity) was occupied by the Arab Legion on May 15 that year.

Yosef Elustein, one of the veterans, today a senior executive and a member of the Haifa city council, recalled that the construction of the Naharayim station had trained a generation of young men, supplying the country with the foremen who later on worked on port construction for Solel Boneh. It also served as a school from which engineers went out to found new villages in the Jordan Valley and in Galilee.

All the veterans paid tribute to the magnetic personality of Rutenberg who, Elustein said, was the first to use the phrase that had become the Israeli army officers' famous command: "Ahava — follow me."

## Two Baghdad Jews killed

Jerusalem Post Reporter

BAGHDAD. — Dr. Violet Tug, a Jewish physician residing in Baghdad, and her aged mother, were found shot to death at their home recently, Police Minister Shimon Elhel told a mass solidarity rally for Iraqi and Syrian Jewry here last week.

The fate of Dr. Tug's husband and their four small children is unknown, Mr. Elhel said. It is feared they have also been murdered. The number of Iraqi Jews who have been abducted by the Iraqi police, and whose fate is not known, stands at 19 now.

Mr. Elhel also told the rally that Shimon Habbas, a 28-year-old Jewish boy from Damascus, is in urgent need of open-heart surgery, but the Syrian authorities refuse to allow him to leave. The Canadian Jewish community has promised to take care of the surgery, and to post a large bond to guarantee his return to Damascus — but to no avail. The Minister promised the hundreds of demonstrators, who overflowed the Aram Naharayim Synagogue and crowded in the streets: "We will reach each one of the murderers personally, and settle accounts with them."

## Egypt's pipeline plan in trouble

By DAVID LENNON

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON. — Egypt's plans to construct a pipeline to carry crude oil from the Gulf of Suez to the Mediterranean appear to be running into serious financial difficulties.

Talks with the eight-nation consortium of European financiers who agreed in July, 1971 to build the project for \$280 million reached another in a long series of deadlocks early this month. The trouble this time was the Egyptians' refusal to accept the contractors' demand for an increase in price because of the rise in steel costs.

The Egyptians have now let it be known, through a leak to the "Financial Times," that the American investment and financing organization, Kidder Peabody, has indicated that it is ready to make an offer for both the financing and construction of the Suez-Mediterranean pipeline in conjunction with the First National City Bank and the Bechtel Corporation.

The Egyptians last month invited Kidder Peabody to offer terms, and representatives of the three companies met recently in Beirut to discuss the details of their offer. Egyptian sources say the initial impression is that the Americans can build Suez more cheaply and in a shorter time than the two years stipulated by the consortium.

### Political overtones

According to the "Financial Times," the original European consortium offer, inspired and organized by the French, had political overtones and other nations, including Britain, only joined after strong pressure from their foreign ministries. The American entry will be seen as part of the growing American-French commercial rivalry in the Middle East, the paper observes.

The European consortium has not yet been rejected by the Egyptians. French negotiators for the consortium are expected to return to Cairo with documentary evidence to support their claim that steel prices have shot up in the past two years. The news that the Americans are interested in the project is seen in London as Egypt's own counter-gambit.

Kidder Peabody impressed the Egyptian Government recently in arranging the \$38 million financing for the purchase of four Boeing 707's for the Egyptian airline. When asked by Egypt to see what they could do about arranging the financing for the Suez pipeline, the Americans brought in Bechtel, which has worked successfully in Iran and Saudi Arabia as construction consultants.

### U.S. views

It is thought that the Americans will drop the consortium plan for twin 42-inch pipelines with an 80 million ton annual capacity in favour of a single, larger diameter pipeline. It is expected too that the Americans will be able to take advantage of the dollar devaluation to quote lower steel prices than the Europeans.

How much of this talk is an exercise designed to pressure the Europeans, and how much of it is hard fact is difficult to know. Financiers in the City of London to whom I spoke were inclined to favour the former theory, and in fact expressed serious doubts about the pipeline ever being more than a pipe dream.

## Tel Aviv plans wholesale centre

TEL AVIV. — The Tel Aviv Municipality is planning to set up soon a giant city wholesale centre that will include display halls, warehouses and offices. Mayor Yehoshua Rabinowitz told the Commercial and Industrial Club on Friday. The Mayor said the centre, which would be set up with the cooperation of the Tel Aviv-Jaffa Chamber of Commerce, would concentrate the city's wholesale operations, now scattered all over the city, within a 40-50 dunam plot. (79m)

## GUIDE BOOKS: AN UNKNOWN EXPORT

By MARK SEGAL

Jerusalem Post Reporter

GUIDE books are one of Israel's exports. Many tens of thousands of popular guides on Spain and Rumania are compiled, printed and assembled in a two-storey building in Tel Aviv's Kiryat Mecha industrial zone. From there the finished products are shipped to the U.S., Spain, France and Rumania and other points.

They are the latest line of Bazak, the publishing firm that made a name for itself at home with its restaurant guide, part of the Bazak Guide Book to Israel, which has been appearing for the past eight years in four languages (Hebrew, English, French and German) and which sold 100,000 copies last year alone. The Bazak guides to Israel, Spain and Rumania, distributed in the U.S. by Harper and Row, a major publisher in American newspapers.

Ex-journalist Abraham Levi began the firm 12 years ago by producing the pamphlet-guide "This Week in Israel." Today a 100-page issue appears every week, totaling 1,500,000 copies a year. Mr. Levi's success and Bazak's growth reflect the expansion of tourism in Israel, as expressed in a warm letter of congratulation sent by Tourism Minister Moshe Kol to Mr. Levi on the 12th anniversary of "This Week in Israel."

The Bazak Guide to Spain is published in English and French, and is of course sold in Spain, as well as in America and at the frontier be-

tween France and Spain. Distribution in France is handled by the Hachette network. One transaction which Mr. Levi found both profitable and complementary was the bulk purchase by the U.S. Army in Europe of Bazak guides to Israel and Spain.

Mr. Levi has branch offices in New York and Madrid, and the latter is expanding its activities by producing "This Week in Spain" in two regular editions — one for the Madrid region, the other for the south. The Israeli publishing firm is also about to publish a Bazak Guide to Portugal in English, and early next year will produce a guide to Italy in English and French; the publication of a Bazak Guide to Great Britain — geared principally to the American market — is in its final phases.

This might seem to be unusual for an Israeli, and even audacious, yet apparently Harper and Row and Hachette are sufficiently pleased with the material to enlarge their business with the Tel Aviv firm.

Bazak's premises contains the Ruth Press (named for Abraham Levi's wife), where all the printing is done. Throughout the year the Bazak research department receives material with which to update its yearly editions. A team from the head office is sent to make on-the-spot checks with local representatives. Thus Juan Martinez, who heads the Bazak office in Madrid, is aided by Robert Lisa, of Tel Aviv, chief editor of the Spanish guide book.

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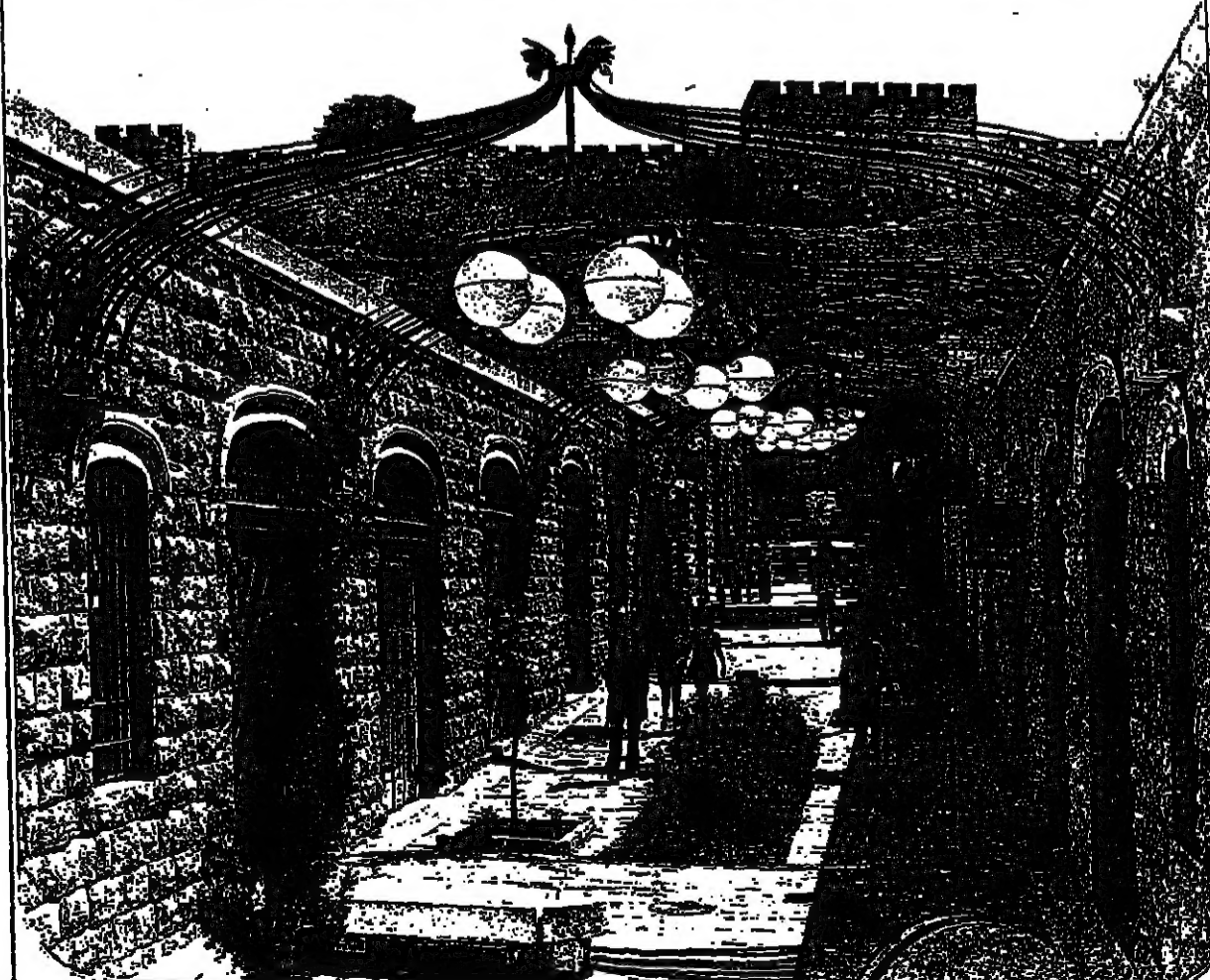
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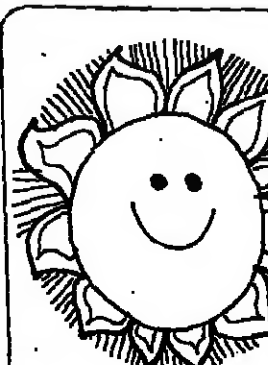
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